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INTRODUCTION.

The "HOLSTON ANNUAL" has now reached its fourth year, though started in troublous times, when well-established periodicals were feeling the pressure of financial distress.

The success of the semi-Centennial number in 1875, exceeded that of any previous numbers, or anything of the kind published in the bounds of the Conference.

The "SEMI-CENTENNIAL ROLL" attracted very general notice and approval.

It is republished, with such corrections as the Editor could make, and with the names arranged both in alphabetical and chronological order.

A list of Conference Sessions from 1824 to 1876, with name of President and Secretary of each, will add interest to the present number.

A roll of the preachers now belonging to the Conference, and list of lay delegates for 1876, is also published in convenient form, giving post-offices as far as known.

The proceedings of the Fifty-third Session, with carefully prepared minutes answering the usual questions of the Discipline, constitute a valuable part of the work.

The District Conferences for 1876, and list of Local Preachers in the Conference, is not fully reported, as intended, for want of information which was certainly expected from Secretaries of District Conferences and Presiding Elders.

Sundry interesting items are placed, for convenience, under "*Miscellaneous Items.*"

The reports on Education, Finance, Sunday-schools, Church Publications, &c., exhibit the extent of a traveling preacher's work.

The members of the M. E. Church, South, are earnestly requested to read our record.

Sessions of the Holston Annual Conference

From 1824 to 1876, Showing Place, Date, President, and Secretary of Each.

No	Place of the session.	Date of beginning.	President.	Secretary.
1	Knoxville, Tenn.	Nov. 27, 1824.	Bishop Roberts	John Tevis.
2	Jonesboro, Tenn.	Oct. 20, 1825.	Bps. Roberts and Soule	T. Stringfield.
3	Abingdon, Virginia.	Nov. 2, 1826.	Bishop Soule	
4	Knoxville, Tenn.	Nov. 1, 1827.	Bishop Roberts	E. F. Sevier.
5	Jonesboro, Tenn.	Nov. 13, 1828.	Bishop Soule	E. F. Sevier.
6	Abingdon, Virginia.	Dec. 24, 1829.	Bishop Soule	E. F. Sevier.
7	Ebenezer Ch., Tenn.	Nov. 4, 1830.	Bps. McKendre and Soule	E. F. Sevier.
8	Athens, Tenn.	Nov. 10, 1831	Bishop Hedding	E. F. Sevier.
9	Evansham, Va.	Nov. 15, 1832.	Bishop Emory	T. Stringfield.
10	Kingsport, Tenn.	Oct. 16, 1833.	Bishop Roberts	L. S. Marshall.
11	Knoxville, Tenn.	Oct. 8, 1834.	J. Henniger	L. S. Marshall.
12	Abingdon, Va.	Oct. 7, 1835.	Bishop Andrew	L. S. Marshall.
13	Reem's Creek, N. C.	Oct. 2, 1836.	Bishop Andrew	L. S. Marshall.
14	Madisonville, Tenn.	Oct. 18, 1837.	Bishop Morris	L. S. Marshall.
15	Wytheville, Va.	Nov. 14, 1838.	Bishop Andrew	L. S. Marshall.
16	Greeneville, Tenn.	Oct. 30, 1839.	T. K. Catlett	D. R. M'Anally
17	Lafayette, Ga.	Nov. 11, 1840	Bishop Morris	E. F. Sevier.
18	Rogersville, Tenn.	Oct. 6, 1841.	S. Patton	E. F. Sevier.
19	Knoxville, Tenn.	Oct. 5, 1842.	Bishop Waugh	E. F. Sevier.
20	Abingdon, Va.	Oct. 4, 1843.	Bishop Morris	E. F. Sevier.
21	Reem's Ceek, N C.	Oct. 9, 1844.	Bishop Janes	E. F. Sevier.
22	Athens, Tenn.	Oct. 8, 1845.	Bishop Andrew	C. D. Smith.
23	Wytheville, Va.	Oct. 21, 1846.	Bishop Capers	C. D. Smith.
24	Jonesboro, Tenn.	Oct. 20, 1847.	Bishop Andrew	C. D. Smith.
25	Knoxville, Tenn.	Oct. 11, 1848.	Bishop Paine	C. D. Smith.
26	Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 11, 1849.	Bishop Andrew	E. F. Sevier.
27	Abingdon, Va.	Oct. 2, 1850.	Bishop Capers	D.R. M'Anally
28	Athens, Tenn.	Oct. 7, 1851.	Bishop Andrew	D.R. M'Anally
29	Asheville, N. C.	Sept. 29, 1852	Bishop Capers	C. D. Smith.
30	Wytheville, Va.	Oct. 12, 1853.	Bishop Paine	W. C. Graves.
31	Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 11, 1854.	Bishop Pierce	W. C. Graves.
32	Jonesboro, Tenn.	Nov. 14, 1855.	Bishop Paine	W. C. Graves.
33	Knoxville, Tenn.	Oct. 22, 1856.	Bishop Andrew	W. C. Graves.
34	Marion, Va.	Oct. 22, 1857.	Bishop Early	W. C. Graves.
35	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Oct. 6, 1858.	Bishop Andrew	J. N. Huffaker.
36	Abingdon, Va.	Oct. 26, 1859.	Bishop Early	J. N. Huffaker.
37	Asheville, N. C.	Oct. 17, 1860.	Bishop Paine	D. Sullins.
38	Greeneville, Tenn.	Oct. 9, 1861.	Bishop Andrew	J. H. Brunner.
39	Athens, Tenn.	Oct. 15, 1862.	Bishop Early	J. H. Brunner.
40	Wytheville, Va.	Oct. 7, 1863.	Bishop Early	E. E. Wiley.
41	Bristol, Va., & Tenn.	Oct. 19, 1864.	Bishop Early	J. W. Dickey.
42	Marion, Va.	Sept. 14, 1865.	Bishop Early	J. W. Dickey.
43	Asheville, N. C.	Oct. 10, 1866.	Bishop McTyeire	J. H. Brunner.
44	Cleveland, Tenn.	Oct. 23, 1867.	Bishop Wightman	J. H. Brunner.
45	Knoxville, Tenn.	Oct. 2, 1868.	Bishop Wightman	J. H. Brunner.
46	Abingdon, Va.	Sept. 22, 1869.	Bishop Doggett	R. N. Price.
47	Wytheville, Va.	Oct. 5, 1870.	Bishop Kavanaugh	R. N. Price.
48	Morristown, Tenn.	Oct. 18, 1871.	Bishop Pierce	R. N. Price.
49	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Oct. 25, 1872.	Bishop Doggett	R. N. Price.
50	Marion, Va.	Oct. 15, 1873.	Bishop Keener	R. N. Price.
51	Asheville, N. C.	Oct. 14, 1874.	Bishop Doggett	F. Richardson.
52	Knoxville, Tenn.	Oct. 20, 1875.	Bishop McTyeire	F. Richardson.
53	Bristol Va. & Tenn.	Oct. 18, 1876.	Bishop Wightman	F. Richardson.

Alphabetical and Chronological Roll of the Members

Of the Holston Conference, from 1824 to 1876.

A List of the Preachers in Full Connection at the Organization of the Holston Conference in 1824.

Number.	Names.	Received into full connection.	Number.	Names.	Received into full connection.	Number.	Names.	Received into full connection.
1	David Adams		10	James Dixon	1811	19	W. S. Manson	
2	John Bowman	1813	11	George Ekin	1812	20	Absalom Overall	1823
3	John Bradfield		12	S. B. Harwell	1823	21	William Patton	1823
4	Thomas J. Brown	1823	13	Jacob Hearn	1823	22	Thomas Stringfield.	
5	Jesse Cunningham.	1812	14	George Horne	1823	23	J. G. H. Speer	1823
6	James Cumming		15	John Kelley	1823	24	Abraham Still	
7	David Cumming	1823	16	W. P. Kindrick		25	John Tevis	
8	John Craig		17	Thomas Madden				
9	Josiah B. Daughtry		18	Lewis S. Marshall				

A List of the Preachers Received Into the Holston Conference from 1824 to 1876, with date of admission into full connection.

In many cases those received by transfer from other Conferences and those readmitted, are left out.

To find the date of admission on trial, add two years to time given in this list.

No	Name.	Date.	No	Name.	Date.
1	George W. Alexander	1838	32	B. W. S. Bishop	1858
2	James Atkins	1841	33	William C. Bowman	1860
3	Stephen D. Adams	1846	34	John W. Bowman	1860
4	John Alley	1847	35	James R. Ballew	1862
5	Kennerly C. Atkins	1869	36	R. G. Blackburn	1862
6	Daniel H. Atkins	1870	37	Jacob Brilhart (tr.)	1865
7	Samuel Alexander (tr.)	1873	38	Joshua S. Brooks	1865
8	James Atkins, Jr.	1874	39	Sterling V. Bates	1868
9	William G. Brownlow	1828	40	William W. Bays	1869
10	John J. Burrum	1828	41	William H. Barnes (tr.)	1869
11	Russell Birdwell	1828	42	James K. P. Ball	1871
12	John Baringer	1829	43	Hezekiah W. Bays	1871
13	Asbury Brooks	1830	44	William R. Barnett	1873
14	Anthony Bewley	1831	45	Archibald T. Brooks	1873
15	William Bowers	1831	46	J. A. Bilderback	1874
16	William Burgess	1835	47	Erastus H. Bogle	1874
17	H. W. Balch	1836	48	Elbert L. Barrett	1875
18	George W. Baker	1837	49	William Cumming	1824
19	W. Bruce	1837	50	James Y. Crawford	1824
20	A. B. Broyles	1837	51	Paxton Cumming	1826
21	Jackson S. Burnett	1844	52	Thomas K. Catlett	1827
22	James R. Belamy	1845	53	Daniel B. Carter	1829
23	William H. Bates	1848	54	Edmund S. Childers	1829
24	John H. Brunner	1849	55	Harvey Cumming	1831
25	John D. Baldwin	1852	56	Oscar F. Cunningham	1836
26	John Boring	1853	57	A. Campbell	1837
27	Washington Boring	1853	58	Coleman Campbell	1838
28	William Ballenger	1854	59	John M. Crismond	1839
29	J. R. Burchfield	1854	60	Jesse Childress	1840
30	John W. Belt	1857	61	Charles Collins	1840
31	John W. Bird	1857	62	Charles W. Charlton	1845

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No	Name.	Date.	No	Name.	Date.
63	S. A. Cooper	1845	136	J. H. Green	1854
64	W. G. E. Cunnyngham	1845	137	J. P. Gibson	1856
65	Alexander F. Cox	1846	138	Andrew J. Greer	1858
66	E. W. Chanceaulme	1847	139	Thomas F. Glenn	1859
67	Larkin W. Crouch	1848	140	Samuel D. Gaines	1859
68	R. A. Claughton	1849	141	George W. K. Green	1861
69	O. B. Callahan	1854	142	Samuel S. Grant	1861
70	R. K. Coen	1854	143	George T. Gray	1868
71	Elijah Conner	1856	144	James D. Harris	1825
72	George Creamer	1857	145	John Henniger	1825
73	Anson W. Cummings	1858	146	John S. Henly	1826
74	William H. Cooper	1859	147	Joseph Haskew	1829
75	George W. Callahan	1859	148	Madison C. Hawk	1834
76	Fleming D. Crumley	1862	149	William Hicks	1836
77	Charles T. Carroll	1867	150	E. K. Hutsell	1837
78	Milton L. Clendenen	1869	151	Alexander N. Harris	1838
79	Daniel H. Carr	1869	152	T. K. Harmon	1839
80	L. L. H. Carlock	1870	153	W. H. Hickey	1840
81	William C. Carden	1872	154	A. Haren	1842
82	David W. Carter	1873	155	N. W. Howard	1844
83	James I. Cash, Jr.	1875	156	Andrew C. Hunter	1847
84	William M. Crawford	1875	157	Rufus M. Hickey	1847
85	James C. Derrick	1840	158	J. N. S. Huffaker	1848
86	William C. Dailey	1845	159	John C. Hyden	1851
87	W. F. Dowell	1848	160	D. P. Hunt	1852
88	James W. Dickey	1854	161	William H. Howell	1857
89	Thomas M. Dula	1855	162	Jesse A. Hyden	1857
90	W. H. H. Duggan	1857	163	Levi K. Haynes	1863
91	James A. Davis	1857	164	William A. Harris	1863
92	Landon C. Delashmit	1858	165	Stephen I. Harrison	1869
93	William P. Doane	1861	166	A. Quinn Harmon	1869
94	Alexander Doniphan, (tr.)	1869	167	E. Embree Hoss	1870
95	Timothy P. Darr	1871	168	Thomas R. Handy	1871
96	B. O. Davis, (tr.)	1871	169	John R. Hixon	1874
97	John P. Dickey	1873	170	D. S. Hearon	1875
98	William H. Dawn	1874	171	Isaac H. Hoskins	1876
99	Joseph B. Davis	1874	172	Hiram Ingram	1833
100	David H. Dickey	1876	173	Willis Ingle	1846
101	Isaac Easterly	1825	174	Lewis Jones	1826
102	Christian Easterly	1827	175	Hugh Johnson	1827
103	Stephen W. Earnest	1829	176	Oscar F. Johnson	1828
104	William Ekin	1830	177	W. Jones	1849
105	James E. Edwards	1846	178	J. D. F. Jennings	1851
106	W. C. Edmondson	1851	179	Robert Kirkpatrick	1825
107	A. F. English	1857	180	Moses E. Kerr	1826
108	W. H. Eblin	1862	181	William Ketron	1827
109	Creed Fulton	1825	182	Uriah Keener	1827
110	David Fleming	1826	183	R. G. Ketron	1841
111	Ira Falls	1834	184	William M. Kerr	1848
112	Defoe F. Fulton	1834	185	William H. Kelly	1850
113	Johnson Fields	1835	186	E. W. King	1851
114	Francis M. Fanning	1839	187	James S. Kennedy (tr.)	1854
115	William K. Foster	1855	188	William Kinsland	1859
116	James T. Freeman	1861	189	John H. Keith	1873
117	Andrew J. Frazier	1862	190	John H. Kennedy	1874
118	Francis A. Farley	1862	191	Ayres Kincaid	1875
119	John L. M. French	1864	192	Isaac Lewis	1824
120	Jacob T. Frazier	1867	193	Charles K. Lewis	1834
121	George D. French	1871	194	William R. Long	1846
122	George A. Frazier	1873	195	J. B. Lawson	1847
123	Charles B. Fugate	1874	196	Carroll Long	1847
124	Robertson Gannaway	1829	197	James R. Long	1853
125	John Grant	1829	198	J. B. Little	1854
126	William Gilmore	1832	199	W. B. Lyda	1861
127	William C. Graves	1836	200	James N. Lotspeich	1876
128	John Gaston	1837	201	Branch H. Merrimon	1826
129	John D. Gibson	1841	202	Goodson McDaniel	1826
130	A. M. Goodykountz	1841	203	Jacob McDaniel	1827
131	A. Gass	1845	204	Abraham Murphy	1828
132	Crockett Godby	1847	205	Oliver C. Miller	1829
133	E. E. Gillenwaters	1849	206	David R. McAnally	1831
134	Riley A. Giddens	1851	207	Samuel A. Miller	1838
135	R. H. Guthrie	1853	208	M. Martin	1839

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No	Name.	Date.	No	Name.	Date.
209	Allen H. Mathes	1841	282	Patrick H. Reed	1855
210	Thomas K. Munsey	1842	283	Frank Richardson	1856
211	A. C. Mitchell	1842	284	Lawrence M. Renfro	1858
212	William Milburn	1847	285	Erastus Rowley	1860
213	J. W. Miller	1847	286	Thomas H. Russell	1861
214	John M. McTeer	1849	287	J. H. Robeson	1874
215	C. Mitchell	1853	288	John C. Runyan	1873
216	George W. Miles	1857	289	Isaac S. Ross	1875
217	Gaston M. Massey	1857	290	John W. Robertson	1875
218	William E. Munsey	1857	291	William B. Reese	1876
219	John W. Mann	1859	292	Joseph P. Reynolds	1876
220	William H. Moody	1860	293	George C. Rankin	1876
221	Milton Maupin	1861	294	Josiah Smith	1824
222	James Mahoney	1861	295	Elbert F. Sevier	1825
223	Charles K. Miller	1862	296	W. T. Senter	1826
224	Jonathan L. Mann	1862	297	Jacob R. Straley	1828
225	Enoch W. Moore	1862	298	Joseph R. Sensibaugh	1829
226	William Gaines Miller	1863	299	Rufus M. Stevens	1831
227	George W. Martin	1865	300	Elijah Still	1833
228	James M. Massey	1868	301	Timothy Sullins	1835
229	William D. Mitchell	1870	302	C. Stump	1836
230	Joseph L. McGhee	1871	303	J. L. Sensibaugh	1836
231	E. W. Marsh	1871	304	Canara D. Smith	1839
232	J. M. Marshall	1873	305	M. Southard	1844
233	W. D. Mountcastle	1873	306	A. F. Shannon	1846
234	S. T. M. McPherson	1874	307	Jesse G. Swisher	1846
235	H. P Myers, (tr.)	1875	308	William Sturges	1846
236	Jacob Nutty	1831	309	Aaron Shell	1846
237	William W. Neal	1848	310	George K. Snapp	1847
238	Benjamin F. Nuckolls	1863	311	W. D. Snapp	1847
239	Henry C. Neal	1864	312	James T. Smith	1849
240	John S. W. Neal	1868	313	David Sullins	1852
241	Francis A. Owen	1824	314	Mitchell P. Swaim	1855
242	Return J. Only	1873	315	W. W. Smith	1855
243	Edward T. Peery	1824	316	John T. Stansberry	1856
244	Samuel Patton	1825	317	R. K. Scruggs	1857
245	Joseph W. Paddleford	1827	318	George Stewart	1857
246	Edmund Pearson	1827	319	Phillip S. Sutton	1857
217	Henry Powell	1828	320	John G. Spears	1857
248	Elijah Perkins	1830	321	Moses H. Spencer	1858
249	Arnold Patton	1831	322	John R. Stradley	1858
250	John Pryor	1832	323	Absalom D. Stuart	1860
251	Raphael W. Patty	1836	324	James K. Stringfield	1860
252	Gabrael F. Page	1838	325	Moses Seaton	1860
253	J. C. Pendergrast	1845	326	Stephen S. Sweet	1861
254	Robert W. Pickens	1847	327	Hamilton B. Swisher	1862
255	Wiley F. Parker	1851	328	Walter H. Stevens	1863
256	Richard N. Price	1852	329	Jacob Smith	1863
257	Sewell Philips	1853	330	John Somers	1863
258	Thomas J. Pope	1856	331	Tobias F. Smith	1864
259	George W. Penley	1857	332	Tyre T. Salyer	1869
260	George M. Proffitt	1860	333	David R. Smith	1870
261	Jacob R. Payne	1863	334	Robert E. Smith	1872
262	William W. Pyott	1868	335	George W. Simpson	1873
263	Robert H. Parker	1869	336	E. S. Shelley	1873
264	Wiley J. Phillips	1872	337	John W. Smith	1874
265	John H. Parrott	1873	338	Joseph H. Sensibaugh	1875
266	William H. Price	1874	339	Samuel B. Smitteel	1876
267	William P. Queen	1859	340	John Trotter	1827
268	Josiah Rhoton	1824	341	Albion C. Taylor	1829
269	Thomas Rice	1825	342	William L. Turner	1839
270	Moses F. Rainwater	1831	343	Hiram Tartar	1839
271	Russell B. Rogers	1834	344	John W. Thompson	1846
272	A. N. Ross	1834	345	Grinsfield Taylor	1855
273	William H. Rogers	1834	346	Josiah H. Torbett	1858
274	B. McC. Roberts	1835	347	Leander W. Thomson	1874
275	W. M. Rush	1837	348	J. M. Varnell	1851
276	Russell Reneau	1839	349	E. Vertegans	1865
277	M. C. Robinson	1846	350	N. W. Vaughan	1871
278	William Robeson	1846	351	James Witten	1827
279	James A. Reagan	1848	352	Thomas Wilkinson	1827
280	George W. Renfro	1849	353	Henry Williams	1827
281	John Reynolds	1855	354	William B. Wright	1830

Alphabetical and Chronological Roll of Members—Continued.

No	Name.	Date.	No	Name.	Date.
355	Ashley Wynn	1830	371	Benjamin F. White	1854
356	Archibald Woodfin	1831	372	J. W. Williamson	1855
357	Wiley B. Winton	1835	373	Alexander E. Woodward	1857
358	John S. Weaver	1837	374	Henry P. Waugh	1857
359	L. Williams	1838	375	John F. Woodfin	1859
360	Benjamin F. Wells	1840	376	John D. Wagg	1870
361	Thomas Witten	1840	377	G. B. Wells	1861
362	D. White	1841	378	Samuel R. Wheeler	1863
363	Ephraim E. Wiley	1843	379	Joseph A. Wiggins	1866
364	Adonijah Williams	1845	380	William H. Weaver	1868
365	Rufus M. Whaley	1847	381	C. E. Wiggins, (tr)	1872
366	R. D. Wells	1848	382	John M. Wolfe	1874
367	Ambrose G. Worley	1850	383	B. R. Wilburn	1874
368	W. J. Witcher	1851	384	James K. Wolfe	1875
369	Edwin C. Wexler	1852	385	Morton S. Watts	1876
370	H. West	1854	386	Samuel S. Weatherly	1867

Alphabetical Roll of Clerical Members

Of Holston Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1876.

Those not present during the session of 1876, are denoted by a (*).

No	Name.	Relation.	Post-office address.
1	John Alley*	Supernumerary	Walnut Valley, Tennessee.
2	K. C. Atkins	Elder	Charleston, Tennessee.
3	D. H. Atkins	Elder	Franklin, North Carolina.
4	James Atkins, Jr	Elder	Asheville, North Carolina.
5	J. D. Baldwin	Elder	Sneedville, Tennessee.
6	J. K. P. Ball*	Supernumerary	Cantrell's X Roads, Tenn.
7	W. H. Barnes	Supernumerary	Abingdon, Virginia.
8	W. H. Bates	Elder	Knoxville, Tennessee.
9	W. W. Bays	Elder	Knoxville, Tennessee.
10	H. W. Bays	Elder	Dickinsonville, Virginia.
11	W. R. Barnett	Elder	St. Clair, Tennessee.
12	E. L. Barrett	Deacon	Clinton, Tennessee.
13	R. T. Barton	Deacon	Blountville, Tennessee.
14	John W. Bird*	Elder	
15	B. W. S. Bishop	Elder	Emory, Virginia.
16	John Boring	Elder	Morristown, Tennessee.
17	J. W. Bowman	Elder	Pearisburg, Virginia.
18	A. T. Brooks	Elder	Broad Ford, Smythe co., Va.
19	J. H. Brunner	Elder	Hiwassee College, Tenn.
20	J. S. Burnett	Elder	Knoxville, Tennessee.
21	E. H. Bogle*	Deacon	Murphy, North Carolina.
22	J. A. Bilderback	Deacon	Ooltewah, Tennessee.
23	G. W. Callahan	Elder	Union, Sulivan co., Tenn.
24	W. C. Carden	Elder	Ducktown, Tennessee.
25	D. H. Carr	Elder	Decatur, Tennessee.
25	C. T. Carroll	Elder	Morristown, Tennessee.
27	L. L. H. Carlock	Elder	Sweetwater, Tennessee.
28	David W. Carter	Elder	Abingdon, Virginia.
29	M. L. Clendenen	Elder	Estellville, Virginia.
30	James I. Cash, Jr	Deacon	Tracy City, Tennessee.
31	William H. Cooper	Elder	Oak Glen, Lee co., Virginia.
32	L. W. Crouch*	Superanuated	Charleston, Tennessee.
33	W. M. Crawford	Deacon	Needmore, Buchanan c., Va.
34	F. D. Crumley*	Elder	Fall Branch, Tennessee.
35	W. G. E. Cunningham	Elder	Nashville, Tennessee.
36	James A. Davis*	Elder	Emory, Virginia.
37	Joseph B. Davis	Deacon	Abingdon, Virginia.
38	B. O. Davis	Elder	Knoxville, Tennessee.
39	T. P. Darr	Elder	Summerfield, Tennessee.
40	L. C. Delashmitt*	Elder	Blountville, Tennessee.
41	W. H. Dawn	Elder	Harrison, Tennessee.
42	D. H. Dickey	Deacon	Jasper, Tennessee.
43	J. P. Dickey	Elder	

Alphabetical Roll of Clerical Members—Continued.

No	Name.	Relation.	Post-office address.
44	F. A. Farley	Elder	
45	A. J. Frazier	Elder	Weaverville, North Carolina.
46	J. T. Frazier	Elder	Bristol, Tennessee.
47	G. A. Frazier	Deacon	Bickley's Mills, Russell c. Va.
48	J. L. M. French	Elder	Limestone, Tennessee.
49	George D. French	Elder	Marion, Virginia.
50	S. D. Gaines	Elder	Athens, Tennessee.
51	R. A. Giddens*	Superanuated	Atlanta, Ga.
52	T. F. Glenn	Elder	Kingston, Tennessee.
53	G. W. K. Greene*	Elder	Bland C. H., Va.
54	S. S. Grant	Elder	Brevard, North Carolina.
55	T. R. Handy	Elder	Jonesboro, Tennessee.
56	Joseph Haskew	Superanuated	Abingdon, Virginia.
57	L. K. Haynes*	Elder	Jeffersonville, Virginia.
58	R. M. Hickey	Supernumerary	Nannie, Georgia.
59	E. E. Hoss	Deacon	Abingdon, Virginia.
60	I. H. Hoskins	Elder	Dandridge, Tenn.
61	D. S. Hearon	Elder	Bristol, Tennessee.
62	William Hicks*	Supernumerary	Seddon, Bland co., Virginia.
63	J. N. S. Huffaker*	Supernumerary	Morristown, Tennessee.
64	W. S. Jordan	Deacon	Knob P. O., Virginia.
65	W. H. Kelly	Elder	Jeffersonville, Virginia.
66	W. M. Kerr	Elder	Waynesville, North Carolina.
67	J. S. Kennedy	Elder	Weaverville, North Carolina.
68	J. H. Kennedy	Elder	Sevierville, Tennessee.
69	J. H. Keith	Elder	Cleveland, Tennessee.
70	A. Kincaid	Deacon	Weaverville, North Carolina.
71	Carroll Long	Elder	Cantrel's X Roads, Tennessee.
72	J. R. Long	Elder	Richland Valley, N. C.
73	W. B. Lyda	Elder	Old Fort, North Carolina.
74	J. N. Lotspeich	Deacon	Emory, Virginia.
75	James Mahoney	Elder	Elk Creek, Grayson co., Va.
76	J. M. Marshall	Elder	Maynardville, Tenn.
77	J. M. McTeer	Elder	Wytheville, Virginia.
78	S. T. M. McPherson	Elder	Riceville, Tennessee.
79	G. W. Miles	El er	Emory, Virginia.
80	C. K. Miller	Elder	Fincastle, Tennessee.
81	W. D. Mitchell	Elder	Leeester, North Carolina.
82	E. W. Moore	Elder	Emory, Virginia.
83	W. D. Mountcastle	Elder	Madisonville, Tennessee.
84	H. P. Myers*	Elder	Mossy Creek, Tennessee.
85	W. W. Neal*	Superanuated	Sulphur Sprs., Rhea co., Tenn
86	H. C. Neal	Elder	Jaekson's Ferry, Virginia.
87	J. S. W. Neel	Elder	Strawberry Plains, Tenn.
88	B. F. Nuckolls	Elder	Independence, Virginia.
89	R. H. Parker	Elder	Chattanooga, Tennessee.
90	J. R. Payne	Elder	Concord, Knox co., Tenn.
91	R. W. Pickens	Supernumerary	Weaverville, North Carolina.
92	S. Philips*	Elder	Eagle Furnace, Tenn.
93	W. J. Phillips*	Elder	Nashville, Tennessee.
94	T. J. Pope*	Superanuated	Coytee, Tennessee.
95	R. N. Price	Elder	Knoxville, Tennessee.
96	W. H. Price	Elder	Wytheville, Virginia.
97	J. H. Parrott	Elder	Jasper, Tennessee.
98	W. W. Pyott	Elder	Loudon, Tennessee.
99	G. W. Renfro	Supernumerary	Crossville, Tennessee.
100	I. S. Ross*	Deacon	Jefferson, North Carolina.
101	J. H. Robinson	Elder	Weaverville, North Carolina.
102	J. W. Robertson	Deacon	Unitia, Loudon co., Tenn.
103	F. Richardson	Elder	Fincastle, Tennessee.
104	J. C. Runyan	Elder	Maryville, Tennessee.
105	William Robeson	Superanuated	Blountville, Tennessee.
106	W. B. Reese	Deacon	Rogersville, Tennessee.
107	J. P. Reynolds	Deacon	Burnesville, North Carolina.
108	T. T. Salyer	Elder	Trenton, Georgia.
109	G. W. Simpson	Elder	Johnson's City, Tennessee.
110	Jacob Smith	Elder	Knoxville, Tennessee.
111	James T. Smith*	Elder	Mouse Creek, Tennessee.
112	D. R. Smith	Elder	Morristown, Tennessee.
113	R. E. Smith	Elder	Washington, Tennessee.
114	T. F. Smith	Elder	Gap Store, Tazewell co., Va.
115	J. Wesley Smith	Elder	Chattanooga, Tennessee.
116	T. Sullins	Superanuated	Athens, Tennessee.

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No	Name.	Relation.	Post-office address.
117	D. Sullins	Elder	Bristol, Tennessee.
118	P. S. Sutton	Elder	Princeton, West Virginia.
119	George Stewart	Elder	Newbern, Virginia.
120	M. P. Swaim	Elder	Franklin, North Carolina.
121	E. S. Shelley	Deacon	Robinsville, North Carolina.
122	J. R. Stradley*	Supernumerary	Hiwassee College, Tennessee.
123	J. H. Sensabaugh	Deacon	Jonesboro, Tennessee.
124	J. O. Shelley	Deacon	Crossville, Tennessee.
125	G. Taylor	Elder	Bull's Gap, Tennessee.
126	J. H. Torbitt	Elder	Jonesville, Tennessee.
127	W. L. Turner*	Supernumerary	
128	L. W. Thompson	Elder	Jacksonville, Floyd co., Va.
129	E. Vertegans	Elder	Seddon, Bland co., Va.
130	H. P. Waugh	Elder	Morristown, Tennessee.
131	J. A. Wiggins	Elder	Boone, Watauga co., N. C.
132	C. E. Wiggins	Elder	Lebanon, Virginia.
133	E. E. Wiley	Elder	Emory, Virginia.
134	W. B. Winton*	Superanuated	White Hare, Cedar co., Mo.
135	S. R. Wheeler	Elder	Concord, Knox co., Tenn.
136	J. M. Wolfe	Elder	Kingsport, Tennessee.
137	J. K. Wolfe	Elder	Central Depot, Virginia.
138	S. S. Weatherly	Deacon	Hendersonville, North Car.

A List of Preachers in the Traveling Connection

Of the Holston Conference who have not been received into Full Connection, not having traveled two years.

No.	Name.	Relation	Post-office address.
1	Thos. W. Alexander	1st year	Franklin, N. C.
2	W. D. Akers	2d year	Marshall, N. C.
3	John C. Bays	1st year	Trenton, Ga.
4	W. B. Baldwin	1st year	
5	R. T. Barton	2d year	Blountville, Tenn.
6	J. V. Brown	2d year	Jamestown, Tenn.
7	H. P. Burgar	2d year	
8	Carmine S. Bird	1st year	Oak Glen, Lee County, Va.
9	J. E. Cox	2d year	Hayesville, Clay County, N. C.
10	David H. Coman	1st year	Spencer, Tenn.
11	John W. Carnes	1st year	Emory, Washington County, Va.
12	Charles F. Clark	1st year	Tazewell, Tenn.
13	J. R. Cunningham	2d year	Wallace's Switch, Wash. co., Va.
14	R. A. Hutsell	2d year	Graveston, Union County, Tenn.
15	J. D. Hickson	2d year	Greeneville, Tenn.
16	W. W. Hicks	2d year	Hillsville, Carroll County, Va.
17	A. E. Householder	1st year	Dandridge, Tenn.
18	C. M. James	2d year	Decatur, Meigs County, Tenn.
19	P. P. Kinser	2d year	Jeffersonville, Tazewell County, Va.
20	J. A. Lyons	2d year	Mossy Creek, Tenn.
21	Henry S. Lee	1st year	Muddy Crk., Loudon County, Tenn.
22	William L. Richardson	1st year	Gladeville, Wise County, Va.
23	Samuel Richardson	1st year	Peeryville, West Virginia.
24	Jacob O. Shelley	2d year	Crossville, Tenn.
25	J. R. Stewart	2d year	Pikeville, Tenn.
26	R. M. Standifer	2d year	Altamont, Grundy County, Tenn.
27	J. T. Stover	2d year	Bakersville, N. C.
28	W. B. Stradley	2d year	Wytheville, Va.
29	M. D. Thompson	2d year	Tellico Plains, Tenn.
30	John R. Walker	1st year	Rock, Mercer County, W. Va.
31	Joseph F. Wampler	1st year	

Roll of Lay Members

Of the 53rd Session of the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, with District Represented and Post-offices.

Name.	District.	Post-office address.
Rev. F. Alexander	Wytheville	Marion, Virginia.
William B. Aston	Abingdon	Littonsville, Russell co., Va.
J. L. Buchanan	Abingdon	Emory, Washington co., Va.
Joseph A. Branner	Morristown	Mossy Creek, Tennessee.
J. S. T. Bell	Asheville	
D. A. Carpenter	Knoxville	Knoxville, Tennessee.
J. M. Carter	Knoxville	McMillan's Sta., Knox co., T.
A. G. Catron	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tennessee.
Rev. J. I. Cash, Sr	Sequatchie	Sulphur Sprs., Rhea co., Tenn.
A. Cannon	Asheville	
J. W. Conley	Franklin	Quallatown, Jackson co., N.C.
Warren DuPre	Abingdon	Abingdon, Virginia.
S. R. Deacons	Chattanooga	Wildwood, Ga.
F. W. Earnest	Jonesboro	Jonesboro, Tennessee.
P. Gallagher	Wytheville	Wytheville, Va.
A. J. Grayson	Jeffersonville	Bland C. H., Va.
J. W. Gaut	Knoxville	Knoxville, Tenn.
J. W. Goodner	Chattanooga	Cleveland, Tenn.
W. J. Jordan	Wytheville	Newbern, Pulaski co., Va.
James P. Kelly	Jeffersonville	Tazewell C. H., Va.
A. J. Lucas	Jonesboro	Limestone, Wash'n co., Tenn.
W. B. D. Lane	Morristown	Jonesville, Lee co., Va.
B. B. Lenoir	Knoxville	Lenoirs, Loudon co., Tenn.
Rev. T. L. Miller	Athens	Hiwassee College, Tenn.
E. C. Montgomery	Sequatchie	King's Creek, Roane co., Tenn
Rev. W. E. Neal	Jeffersonville	Cove Creek, Tazewell co., Va.
S. C. Norwood	Sequatchie	Pikeville, Tenn.
B. F. Petrie	Jeffersonville	
W. C. Peak	Athens	Pin Hook Landing, Tenn.
R. S. Pass	Franklin	Hayesville, N. C.
J. B. Richmond	Abingdon	Estillville, Scott co., Va.
H. C. T. Richmond	Morristown	Rose Hill, Lee co., Va.
E. C. Reeves	Jonesboro	Johnson City, Wash. co., Tenn.
Rev. J. A. Reagan	Asheville	Weaverville, Bunc'be co, N. C.
Rev. T. P. Summers	Morristown	Morristown, Tenn.
Abraham Slack	Athens	Cog Hill, McMinn co., Tenn.
W. S. Saul	Athens	Sweetwater, Tenn.
W. W. Stringfield	Franklin	Waynesville, N. C.
Rev. C. D. Smith	Franklin	Franklin, N. C.
A. Umbarger	Wytheville	Wytheville, Va.
James B. White	Jonesboro	Haws'.X Roads, Tenn.
Z. T. Watkins	Chattanooga	Ooltewah, James co., Tenn.
John A. Winton	Sequatchie	King's Creek, Roane co.,Tenn.
H. H. Webb	Asheville	Asheville, N. C.

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 18, 1876.

Fifty-Third Session.—The Fifty-Third Session of the HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE was held at Bristol, Tennessee, beginning October 18, 1876.

Bishop.—Conference met in the Methodist Church at nine o'clock A. M., Bishop W. M. Wightman in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by the Bishop.

Roll—1876.—The Secretary of the last session of the Conference called the roll of clerical members. (See Roll for 1876.)

Roll of Lay Members.—The roll of lay delegates was then made out. (See Roll for 1876.)

Secretaries.—F. Richardson was elected Secretary, J. R. Payne Assistant Secretary, and D. W. Carter Statistical Secretary.

Committee on Public Worship.—B. W. S. Bishop, J. T. Frazier, D. Sullins, R. E. Smith and W. B. Aston were appointed a committee on public worship.

Nominating Committee.—The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees.

Sessions.—The Conference fixed the hour for meeting at nine o'clock A. M., and that for adjourning at one o'clock P. M.

A bar was fixed from the third window in the church forward.

Committees Appointed.—The committee to nominate standing committees reported as follows, which was adopted:

Committee on Education.—Wm. M. Kerr, Wm. H. Price, E. C. Montgomery, James A. Reagan, Z. T. Watkins, T. F. Glenn, and G. D. French.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—Warren DuPre, James P. Kelly, and H. H. Webb.

Committee on Books and Periodicals.—J H. Keith, L. L. H. Carlock, and T. P. Summers.

Committee on Memoirs.—J. S. Kennedy, B. W. S. Bishop, and C. T. Carroll.

Committee on Temperance.—James Atkins, Jr., J. M. Carter, and A. J. Lucas.

Committee on Church Property.—E. C. Reeves, J. W. Smith, J. B. Richmond, W. J. Jordan, and A. J. Grayson.

Committee on Bible Cause.—J. L. Buchanan, J. H. Torbitt, and D. A. Carpenter.

The Nominating Committee nominated E. E. Wiley, R. N. Price and Carroll Long for a Committee on Fraternity, but a motion to confirm the nomination, after some discussion, was, on motion of B. W. S. Bishop, laid on the table.

Preaching.—The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows:

Methodist Church, three o'clock P. M., H. W. Bays; Methodist Church, seven o'clock P. M., J. H. Brunner, Conference Sermon.

Examining Committees Filled.—T. F. Smith was excused from serving on Examining Committee of the second year, and W. H. Kelly was appointed in his place. P. S. Sutton was appointed in place of W. Hicks, who is absent, on the same committee. W. G. E. Cunningham, Chairman of Examining Committee of fourth year, was released, and J. H. Torbitt was appointed in his place. T. F. Glenn was appointed on the same committee in place of J. W. Dickey, deceased.

Board of Missions.—L. L. H. Carlock was appointed a member of the Conference Board of Missions in place of J. W. Dickey, deceased.

Communications.—A communication from Dr. A. H. Redford, book agent, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals; and one from Drs. McFerrin and Kelley, Missionary Secretaries, was read and referred to the Board of Missions.

The Annual Announcement of the Vanderbilt University was presented, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from J. H. Brunner, President of Hiwassee College, was read and referred to the same committee.

Examination of Character.—The Conference resolved to hold the examination of characters with open doors.

A motion to have read, only that part of the preachers' report, relating to collections taken by the preachers, was carried.

QUESTION XX. *"Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"*

ANSWER. The characters of G. W. Miles, B. F. Nuchols, J. Mahoney, T. F. Smith, H. C. Neal, W. H. Kelly, P. S. Sutton, B. W. S. Bishop, C. E. Wiggins, H. W. Bays, F. A. Farley, E. E Wiley, J. A. Davis, D. Sullins, H. P. Myers, W. G. E. Cunningham, W. P. Doane, George Stewart, D. W. Carter, G. W. Callahan, J. L. M. French, L. C. Delashmit, C. Long, J. S. Burnett, W. W. Bays, J. C. Runyan, J. R. Payne, F. Richardson, C. K. Miller, W. C. Carden, T. T. Salyer, B. O. Davis, Jacob Smith, W. H. Bates, G. Taylor, J. S. W. Neal, D. H. Carr, T.

F. Glenn, W. W. Pyott, W. D. Mountcastle, J. T. Smith, J. H. Brunner, J. M. McTeer, and D. H. Atkins, were passed.

W. H. Barnes.—W. H. Barnes had not gone to his work, but in view of surrounding circumstances he was excused, and his character passed.

J. W. Dickey.—When the name of J. W. Dickey was called, his death was mentioned, and the case referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

R. M. Hickey.—R. M. Hickey's character passed, and he was continued in a supernumerary relation.

W. Hicks.—W. Hicks' character passed, whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Wm. Hicks has been a member of the Holston Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, He has served the Church with great fidelity in all the interests committed to his charge; and

WHEREAS, The infirmities of age are gradually developing in his physical system, so that he is now unable to take his place in the effective ranks as in other years; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Church, in the bounds of the Holston Conference, should hold in grateful remembrance the long services, the pure character, and the extensive influence which he gives her as an heritage.

Resolved, 2. That in view of the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the Conference, he is hereby continued in a supernumerary relation.

E. E. WILEY.
J. M. McTEER.

J. Atkins Transferred.—The character of Jas. Atkins, Sr., passed, and the Bishop announced his transfer to the Little Rock Conference.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the benediction

[*Note from Rev. William Hicks.*]

BRO. PAYNE: Please allow me space in the ANNUAL to make my acknowledgements, and tender my sincere thanks to the Holston Conference, and especially to Rev. John M. McTeer and Rev. E. E. Wiley, D. D., for the very flattering resolutions adopted upon the passage of my character at the late session of said Conference. It is refreshing and encouraging, at life's decline. to receive the spontaneous and hearty indorsement of those with whom I have been associated from my youth up, and who, above all others, have known my manner of life for the last forty-two years, even up to the very day the said resolutions were offered and adopted. God bless my own Holston!

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 19, 1876.

Conference met at nine o'clock A. M., Bishop Wightman in the chair. Religious services by C. Long.

The roll was called, and several members not present at roll-call yesterday, answered to their names.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introductions.—Dr. T. O. Summers, Rev. J. J. Lafferty, of the Richmond *Christian Advocate*, Rev. Mr. Lloyd and Dr. Kincannon, of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Examination of Character.—QUESTION XX. "*Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*"

ANSWER. The characters of S. R. Wheeler, T. R. Handy, T. P. Darr L. L. H. Carlock, J. P. Dickey, S. Phillips, A. J. Frazier, E. E. Hoss, W. D. Mitchell, S. S. Grant, J. A. Wiggins, J. S. Kennedy, J. W. Bowman, L. K. Haynes, W. H. Weaver, J. R. Long, J. Boring, C. T. Carroll, J. N. S. Huffaker, D. R. Smith, W. H. Cooper, J. H. Torbitt, J. D. Baldwin, H. P. Waugh, R. N. Price, S. D. Gaines, E. Vertegans, E. W. Moore, M. L. Clendenen, G. D, French, K. C. Atkins, S. V. Bates, J. M. Marshall, W. M. Kerr, and W. B. Lyda were passed.

Supernumeraries.—The characters of J. Alley, J. K. P. Ball, W. L. Turner, J. R. Stradley, and R. W. Pickens were passed, and they were continued in a supernumerary relation.

The characters of G. W. Renfro and W. J. Phillips were passed, and they were placed on the supernumerary list.

Locations.—L. M. Renfro's character passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

H. M. Bennett's character passed, and he was granted a location at the request of his Presiding Elder.

G. T. Gray Transferred.—George T. Gray's character passed, and the Bishop announced his transfer to the Western Conference.

G. M. Massey.—The case of G. M. Massey was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Asheville District.

Petition to Congress.—A petition to the Congress of the United States for the payment of damages done the Publishing House at Nashville, by Federal soldiers during the war, was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference.

Dr. Summers made some very felicitous remarks concerning our publishing interests, and Vanderbilt University.

Deacons of One Year.—QUESTION VII. "*Who are Deacons of one year?*"

ANSWER. The characters of J. K. Wolfe, E. L. Barrett, J. H. Sensibaugh, W. M. Crawford, J. I. Cash, Jr., Ayres Kincaid J. W. Robertson, J. H. Robeson, J. H. Parrott, and J. H. Kennedy, were passed, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

I. S. Ross.—I. S. Ross's character passed, but not having been before the Examining Committee, he was retained in the class of the third year.

Dr. Cunnyngham made some remarks with reference to Sunday-school work and literature.

Communications.—E. E. Hoss presented a financial state-

ment with reference to Martha Washington College; Dr. Sullins the report of the Board of Trustees of Sullins College, and A. J. Frazier a communication from the Board of Trustees of Weaverville College; all of which papers were referred to the Committee on Education.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 20, 1876.

Conference met at nine o'clock A. M., Bishop Wightman in the chair. Religious services by J. H. Brunner.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

C. Long's Report.—C. Long, from the committee appointed at the last session to look into the condition of New Market Seminary, submitted a report, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Lay Alternates.—H. C. Bruce, alternate, took the place of J. L. Buchanan, lay delegate of Abingdon District; J. B. Carnes, the place of B. B. Lenoir, of the Knoxville District, and J. T. Trollinger the place of W. J. Jordan, of the Wytheville District.

Elders Elected.—QUESTION XII. "*What traveling preachers are elected Elders?*"

ANSWER. The characters of John W. Smith, Leander W. Thompson, John M. Wolfe, William H. Price, William H. Dawn, James Atkins, Jr., Stevens T. M. McPherson, Joseph A. Bilderback, Daniel S. Hearon, George W. Simpson, William R. Barnett, and Robert E. Smith were passed, and they were elected to Elder's orders.

The characters of Erastus H. Bogle and Archibald T. Brooks were passed, but not having been before the committee, they were continued in the fourth year.

J. H. Keith.—The character of J. H. Keith, who is an Elder, passed.

J. B. Davis.—Joseph B. Davis' character passed, and he was continued in the class of the fourth year, and on the supernumerary list.

G. W. K. Green.—The character of G. W. K. Green passed, and he was continued in the class of the fourth year, and given a supernumerary relation.

E. S. Shelley.—E. S. Shelley's name was called, and pending some discussion as to his relation, the case was laid over for the present.

C. B. Fugate.—C. B. Fugate passed and was granted a location.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty.—Rev. J. J. Lafferty made a good speech for the Richmond *Christian Advocate.*

The Commission and Dr. Myers.—The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God, the Commission appointed for the settlement of all existing differences between the two Methodisms, has reached and published a conclusion; therefore,

Resolved, That we do heartily concur in the conclusion reached, and that we will do all in our power to carry out the spirit and purpose of the same.

Resolved, further, That we do tender to the family of Dr. E. H. Myers, whose recent death has saddened the whole of our beloved Church, our sincere sympathy and prayers.

E. E. HOSS,
G. D. FRENCH,
JAS. ATKINS, JR.

Introductions.—Dr. Dupre, of Martha Washington College; Dr. Kelley. Missionary Secretary, and Rev. Mr. Hogshead, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Class of Second Year.—QUESTION II. "*Who remain on trial?*"

ANSWER. The characters of J. T. Stover, J. D. Hixon, W. B. Stradley, J. A. Lyons, M. D. Thompson, J. R. Stewart, J. R. Cunningham, J. E. Cox, R. M. Sandifer, J. V. Brown were passed, and were continued on trial, and advanced to the class of the second year.

W. D. Akers and J. O. Shelley.—The characters of W. D. Akers and J. O. Shelley were passed, but not having been before the committee, they were continued in the class of the first year.

J. N. Hobbs.—John N. Hobb's character passed, and he was discontinued.

In Full Connection.—QUESTION IV. "*Who are admitted into full connection?*"

ANSWER. The characters of Samuel B. Smitteel, Morton S. Watts, David H. Dickey, William B. Reese, Isaac H. Hoskins, Joseph P. Reynolds and Samuel S. Weatherly, were passed, and they were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

R. A. Hutsell.—Robert A. Hutsell's character passed, but not having been before the committee, he was continued on trial.

J. N. Lotspeich and Geo. C. Rankin.—James N. Lotspeich and George C. Rankin were passed and admitted into full connection being already Deacons.

Session Prolonged.—One o'clock having arrived, on motion the time of the session was extended.

Resolution.—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That W. B. Stradley and J. W. Smith be appointed a committee to receive any money that friends may be willing to contribute toward the erection of a monument over the remains of Bishops McKendree and

Soule, on the grounds of the Vanderbilt University, and pass the same into the hands of Dr. T. O. Summers.

E. E. WILEY,
J. M. McTEER.

W. G. E. Cunnyngham.—W. G. E. Cunnyngham was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 21, 1876.

Conference met at nine o'clock A. M., Bishop Wightman in the chair. Services by R. N. Price.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Located.—QUESTION XX. "*Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*"

ANSWER. The characters of R. J. Only and S. V. Bates were passed, and they were granted locations at their own request.

W. H. Weaver passed, and was granted a location. W. H. Barnes passed and was granted a supernumerary relation.

G. A. Frazier.—QUESTION XII. "*What traveling preachers are elected Elders?*"

ANSWER. George A. Frazier was passed and elected an Elder.

E. S. Shelley.—E. S. Shelley passed and was continued in the third year.

R. T. Barton.—QUESTION II. '*Who remain on trial?*"

ANSWER. R. T. Barton passed, and was advanced to the class of the second year.

C. M. James and F. N. Atkin.—C. M. James and F. N. Atkin were passed, and discontinued, at their own request.

Superanuated.—QUESTION VIII. "*Who are superanuated?*"

ANSWER. The characters of W. W. Neal, R. A. Giddens, W. Robeson, J. Haskew, L. W. Crouch, T. Sullins, W. B. Winton andT. J. Pope were passed, and they were continued on the superanuated list.

D. B. Carter.—The death of D. B. Carter was mentioned, and the case referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

Admitted on Trial.—QUESTION I. "*Who are admitted on trial?*"

ANSWER. John R. Walker, of the East Tazewell Circuit; David H. Coman and John C. Bays, of the Lebanon Circuit; John W. Carnes, of the Abingdon Circuit; Wm. L. Richardson, of the Bristol Station; William B. Baldwin, of the St. Clair Circuit; Andrew E. Householder, of the Knox and Lenoir Circuit; Carmine S. Bird, of the Waynesville Circuit; Samuel L. Richardson, of the Kingsport Circuit; Henry S. Lee, of the Maryville Circuit; Joseph W. Wampler, of the Gladeville, and Charles F. Clark, of the Rogersville Circuit, being severally

recommended by the Quarterly Conferences, of which they are members, and by the Conference Examining Committee, were admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

Local Deacons.—QUESTION X. "*What local preachers are elected Deacons?*"

ANSWER. James H. Weaver, of Jefferson Circuit; William B. Oney, of Liberty Hill Circuit; Jefferson T. Jordan, of Bristol Station; Robert P. Rudder, of Knox and Lenoir Circuit; Thomas L. Miller, of Madisonville Circuit; Claiborne M. Campbell, of South Chattanooga Station; Chas. M. James, of Spencer Mission; Wm. B. Stradley, of Wytheville Circuit; James J. Phillips, of Elk Creek Circuit; James W. Holbrook, of Buchanan Circuit; Jesse Wampler, of McClure Mission, and Jos. Fitch, of Broad Street Station, having been four years a local preacher, and being severally recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences, were elected Deacons.

Local Elder.—QUESTION XIV. "*What local preachers are elected Elders?*"

ANSWER. R. L. Kirkpatrick having been four years a local deacon, and being recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Church Street Station, of which he is a member, and certifying, in writing, his assent to the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South, was elected an Elder.

Introductions.—Dr. Savage, Agent American Bible Society; Rev. Mr. Caldwell, of the Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Tadlock, of King's College, were introduced to the Conference.

Communication.—A communication from Mr. J. A. Bond, in reference to Sister R. M. Stephens, was received and referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

Proposition of Rev. L. M. Pease.—A proposition was received from Rev. L. M. Pease, with reference to the establishment of an Orphans' Home, and J. S. Kennedy, E. E. Hoss and C. T. Carroll were appointed a committee to ascertain and report to this Conference, at the earliest convenience, what action by the Conference is necessary in the premises.

Resolution.—A resolution, submitted by J. H. Brunner and others, with reference to an Educational Convention, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Next Conference.—QUESTION XXX. "*Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*"

ANSWER. At Cleveland.

Addresses.—The Rev. Mr. Hogshead addressed the Conference on Finance, and Dr. Savage anent the American Bible Society.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we do so to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

The Bishop announced that E. E. Wiley would take the chair at the afternoon session.

Monday, 10 A. M.—Ten o'clock Monday morning was set for the Memorial Service.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P. M., Oct. 21, 1876.

Conference met at three o'clock P. M., Dr. E. E. Wiley in the chair. Religious services by W. M. Kerr.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Report of Joint Board of Finance.—The Joint Board of Finance submitted a report, which was received and adopted. (See Report A.)

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary submitted his report, which was received and adopted. (See Report B.)

Report on Education.—The Committee on Education submitted a report, which was received, considered and adopted, *seriatim*, and then adopted as a whole. (See Report C.)

Sullins College.—G. W. Miles, B. W. S. Bishop and W. B. Aston were appointed a committee to confer with the donors and trustees of Sullins College with reference to a proposed donation of said College to the Conference.

Resolutions.—The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Presiding Elders' Districts of this Conference, by annual changes without reference to a general plan, have grown to be inconveniently shaped, and very unequal as to size, number of members, ability to support preachers, and amount of labor necessary to travel them; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to draw up a plan for re-districting the Conference, without reference to old lines, but so as to secure, as nearly as possible, symmetry and convenience of form and equality in the above mentioned particulars; which plan shall be presented to the Bishop presiding at the next session of the Conference, and respectfully recommended for consideration.

FRANK RICHARDSON,
J. M. McTEER,
G. STEWART,
R. N. PRICE,
E. E. WILEY,
J. H. BRUNNER,
W. H. BATES,
D. SULLINS.

The Chair appointed on said committee, F. Richardson, Geo. Stewart, and J. M. McTeer.

Special Committee.—The report of Special Committee

on relation of certain schools to the Church, was read by F. W. Earnest, and adopted. (See Report D.)

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 23, 1876.

Conference met at nine o'clock A. M., Bishop Wightman in the chair. Religious services by E. Vertegans.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Joint Board of Finance Appointed.—Bishop Wightman announced the following Joint Board of Finance for the year 1876–77:

Clerical.—B. F. Nuchols, J. W. Bowman, J. T. Frazier, G. W. Callahan, C. T. Carroll, W. H. Bates, W. P. Pyott, K. C. Atkins, T. F. Glenn, W. B. Lyda, and W. M. Kerr.

Lay.—F. Alexander, J. P. Kelly, W. P. Aston, F. W. Earnest, H. C. T. Richmond, J. M. Carter, W. S. Sane, G. A. Long, E. C. Montgomery, J. A. Reagan and W. W. Stringfield.

Ordained.—QUESTION IX. "*What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?*"

ANSWER. Bishop Wightman reports that he ordained M. S. Watts, D. H. Dickey, S. B. Smitteel, W. B. Reese, S. S. Weatherly, I. H. Hoskins, J. P. Reynolds and W. S. Jordan deacons, at the Methodist Church, October 22, 1876.

Ordained.—QUESTION XI. "*What local preachers are ordained deacons?*"

ANSWER. At the above time and place, by Bishop Wightman, J. H. Weaver, W. D. Oney, J. T. Jordan, T. L. Miller, C. M. James, W. B. Stradley, and J. Wampler.

Ordained.—QUESTION XIII. "*What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?*"

ANSWER. Bishop Wightman reports that he ordained J. W. Smith, J. M. Wolfe, L. W. Thompson, W. H. Price, W. H. Dawn, J Atkins, Jr., S. T. McPherson, J. A. Bilderback, D. S. Hearon, G. W. Simpson, W. R. Barnett and R. E. Smith elders, at the Methodist Church, October 22, 1876.

Ordained.—QUESTION XV. "*What local preachers are ordained Elders?*"

ANSWER. At the above time and place, by Bishop Wightman, Joseph McCreary.

Educational Convention.—The following resolution was returned to the Conference by the Committee on Education, considered, and adopted:

WHEREAS, It is greatly desirable that the educational work of the Holston Conference be further organized and unified; therefore,

Resolved, That the Conference do call an Educational Convention, to meet some time during the coming year, the exact time of the meeting, and all

other necessary arrangements, to be left in the hands of a committee of five, to be now appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

J. H. BRUNNER,
E. E. HOSS,
G. W. MILES,
JOS. HASKEW,
R. N. PRICE,
GEO. D. FRENCH,
F. RICHARDSON.

Committee.—The Bishop appointed on said committee, R. N. Price, F. Richardson, G. D. French, J. H. Brunner, E. E Hoss and J. L. Buchanan.

Report, Books, &c.—The Committee on Books and Periodicals presented a report, which was adopted. (See Report E.)

C. M. James.—On motion of J. M. McTeer, the vote by which C. M. James was discontinued, was reconsidered, and he was continued on trial in the second year.

Report on Church property.—The Committee on Church Property submitted a report, which was adopted. (See Report F.)

The Committee on Public Worship appointed E. Vertegans to preach the Conference Sermon at our next session.

The members of the Board of Missions were granted leave of absence to hold a session of the Board.

Memorial Services.—J. S. Kennedy, from the Committee on Memoirs, submitted memoirs of J. W. Dickey, D. B. Carter, and John Reynolds, which, after very tender and touching remarks by B. W. S. Bishop, J. H. Brunner, J. M. McTeer, C. T. Carroll, J. Haskew, J. S. Kennedy, A. J. Frazier and the Bishop, were adopted.

Orphans' Home.—The committee to which was referred the proposition of R. L. M. Pease to establish an Orphans' Home, submitied a report, which was adopted. (See Report H.)

Report on Sunday Schools.—The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted a report, which was adopted. (See Report I.)

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to furnish copies of the report to the *Holston Methodist* and the *Nashville Advocate*, and request its publication.

Sullins College.—The committee appointed to confer with the donors and trustees of Sullins College, submitted a report, which was adopted. (See Report J.)

Committee.—R. N. Price, J. T. Frazier, J. L. Buchanan, J. M. McTeer and W. B. Aston were appointed a Board of Curators for said College, as provided for in said report.

Resolution.—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Prof. John L. Buchanan be, and is hereby requested, to furnish copies of his views on the general subject of Education, as read be-

fore this Conference, to the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, and the *Holston Methodist*, for publication.

W. W. BAYS,
J. H. BRUNNER,
GEO. STEWART,
F. RICHARDSON,
H. W. BAYS.

Examining Committees.—C. T. Carroll was appointed on the committee to examine candidates for admission on trial, in place of B. W. S. Bishop, and K. C. Atkins on the Committee of the First Year, in place of W. W. Neal.

Board of Missions.—The following Board of Missions was elected: George Stewart, R. H. Parker, James Atkins, Jr., J. S. Burnett, John W. Paulett, H. W. Bays, G. A. Long, D. W. Carter, L. L. Carlock, J. H. Parrott, W. H. Price, C. E. Wiggins, T. T. Salyer, D. H. Atkins and S. D. Gaines.

Semi-Centennial Sermon, by J. Haskew.—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Holston Conference requests Rev. Joseph Haskew to preach a semi-centennial sermon at our next Conference, to meet at Cleveland.

S. D. GAINES,
JAS. MAHONEY.

It was

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P. M., Oct. 23, 1876.

Conference met at three o'clock P. M., Bishop Wightman in the chair. Prayer by J. Haskew.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Resolutions.—The following resolutions were adoped:

Resolved, That as a Conference, we most sincerely and heartily welcome Prof. Warren DuPre into our midst, and to the Presidency of Martha Washington College; that we heartily endorse his address in reference to the College and Education, delivered before this Conference; and that he deserves and shall have our sympathy and co-operation in his efforts to advance the interests and prosperity of Martha Washington College.

W. W. BAYS,
R. N. PRICE,
GEO. W. MILES.
J. M. McTEER.

Resolved, That we hereby most earnestly request and advise, that hereafter, when there is to be a meeting of the Joint Board of Visitors and Trustees of any of the colleges or schools under the control of this Conference, that the lawfully constituted authority or authorities for calling such

meeting shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to each member of the Joint Board, personally, due notice of such meeting, or place, or cause to be placed, such notice in each member's post-office, at least ten days before the meeting of the Joint Board; or lawfully mail, or cause to be mailed, such due notice to the proper address of each member of the Joint Board, at least twelve days before such meeting.

W. W. BAYS,
J. M. McTEER,
R. N. PRICE.

Bible Cause.—The Committee on the Bible Cause submitted their report, which was adopted. (See Report K.)

Report of the Board of Missions.—The Secretary of the Board of Missions presented his report, which was adopted. (See Report L.)

Resolutions of Thanks.—The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the good people of Bristol for the hospitality they have extended to the members of the Conference; to the pastors and people of the other churches of Bristol for opening their doors and offering the Conference the use of their pulpits; and also to the several railroad companies for the kindness and accommodations which they have extended to the members of the Conference in traveling over their roads.

S. D. GAINES,
J. H. BRUNNER.

Resolved, That the members of the Conference tender to Bishop Wightman their thanks for the very courteous and efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Conference, and we do devoutly pray God's blessings upon him and his family.

F. W. EARNEST,
E. E. WILEY.

After a brief address by the Bishop, the appointments of the Preachers for the ensuing year were then read, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop. *sine die.*

W. M. WIGHTMAN, *President.*

F. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

MINUTES

OF THE

HOLSTON CONFERENCE,

OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

Held at Bristol, Tenn., beginning October 18, *and ending October* 23, 1876, *Bishop* W. M. WIGHTMAN, *President*, F. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

Question I. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer. John R. Walker David H. Coman, John C. Bays, John W. Carnes, Wm. L. Richardson, Wm. B. Baldwin, Thos. W. Alexander, Andrew E. Householder, Carmine S. Bird, Samuel L. Richardson, Henry S. Lee, Joseph W. Wampler, Charles F. Clark—13.

Question II. Who remain on trial?

Answer. W. W. Hicks, J. T. Stover, J. D. Hixon, W. B. Stradley, J. A. Lyons, M. D. Thompson, J. R. Stewart, J. R. Cunningham, J. E. Cox, R. M. Sandifer, J. V. Brown, R. T. Barton, W. D. Akers, first year; J. O. Shelley, first year; R. A. Hutsell, C. M. James, P. P. Kinser, H. P. Burgar—18.

Question III. Who are discontinued?

Answer. John N. Hobbs, Frank N. Atkin—2.

Question IV. Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer. Samuel B. Smitteel, Morton S. Watts, David H. Dickey, William B. Reese, Isaac H. Hoskins, Joseph P. Reynolds, Samuel S. Weatherly, James N. Lotspeich, George C. Rankin—9.

Question V. Who are re-admitted?

Answer. None.

Question VI. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer. S. S. Weatherly—1.

Question VII. Who are the deacons of one year?

Answer. J. K. Wolfe, E. L. Barrett, J. H. Sensibaugh, W. M. Crawford, James I. Cash, Jr., Ayres Kincaid, J. W. Robertson, J. H. Robinson, J. H. Parrott, J. H. Kennedy, E. H. Bogle, A. T. Brooks, J. B. Davis, I. S. Ross, third year; G. W. K. Greene, fourth year; E. S. Shelley, third year—16.

Question VIII. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

Answer. Samuel B. Smitteel, Morton S. Watts, David H. Dickey, William B. Reese, Isaac H. Hoskins, Joseph P. Reynolds, Samuel S. Weatherly—7.

Question IX. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

Answer. Morton S. Watts, D. H. Dickey, S. B. Smitteel, W. B. Reese, S. S. Weatherly, I. H. Hoskins, J. P. Reynolds, W. S. Jordan—8.

Question X. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Answer. James H. Weaver, William B. Oney, Robert P. Rudder, Thomas L Miller, C. M. Campbell, Charles M. James, W. B. Stradley, James J. Phillips, James W. Holbrook, Jesse Wampler, Joseph Fitch—11.

Question XI. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Answer. J. H. Weaver, W. D. Oney, J. T. Jordan, T. L. Miller, C. M. James, W. B. Stradley, J. Wampler—7.

Question XII. What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Answer. J. Wesley Smith, Leander W. Thompson, John M. Wolfe, William H. Price, William H. Dawn, Jas. Atkins, Jr., Stevens T. M. McPherson, Joseph A. Bilderback, Daniel S. Hearon, George W. Simpson, W. R. Barnett, Robert E. Smith, George A. Frazier—13.

Question XIII. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Answer. J. Wesley Smith, John M. Wolfe, L. W. Thompson, W. H. Price, W. H. Dawn, J. Atkins, Jr., S. T. M. McPherson, J. A. Bilderback D. S. Hearon, G. W. Simpson, W. R. Barnett, R. E. Smith—12.

Question XIV. What local preachers are elected elders?

Answer. R. L. Kirkpatrick—1.

Question XV. What local preachers are ordained elders?

Answer. Jos. McCreary—1.

Question XVI. Who are located this year?

Answer. L. M. Renfro, H. M. Bennett, R. J. Only, Sterling V. Bates, W. H. Weaver—5.

Question XVII. Who are supernumerary?

Answer. R. M. Hickey, William Hicks, George W. Renfro, W. J. Phillips, Joseph B. Davis, G. W. K. Greene, W. H. Barnes—7.

Question XVIII. Who are superanuated?

Answer. Joseph Haskew, Wiley B. Winton, T. Sullins, Wm. Robeson, L. W. Crouch, T. J. Pope, R. A. Giddens, W. W. Neal—8.

Question XIX. What preachers have died during the past year?

Answer. James W. Dickey, Daniel B. Carter, John Reynolds—3.

MEMOIRS.

MEMOIR OF REV. DANIEL B. CARTER.

Daniel B. Carter, of the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, was the second son of Ezekiel and Martha Carter, of Greene county, Tennessee. He was born August 25, 1803, and died June 7, 1876.

The precise time of his conversion is not known, but is supposed to have occurred sometime before or during the year 1827, he having been licensed to preach in October of that year. He was also admitted on trial into the traveling connection in 1827, and appointed that year to the Sequatchie Circuit with I. Easterly in charge. He was admitted into full connection in 1829, and ordained deacon by Joshua Soule. In 1831 he was ordained elder by Elijah Hedding. He was married to Miss Cynthia C. Burnett in 1834, who died in July 1846. In 1849 he was again married, this time to Mary W. Aston.

By reference to the Conference Minutes it will be seen that Bro. Carter traveled various important fields of labor, extending through a period of forty-nine years, excepting one year, in which he sustained a local relation.

It is proper to say, also, that at the session of the Conference in Asheville, North Carolina in 1866, he withdrew from the M. E. Church, South, and became a traveling preacher in the M. E. Church, "for reasons," he said, "best known to himself." In this he was as sincere as in any act of his whole life. He was too honest to do anything that he felt was not right. Nor was it because he was opposed to the M. E. Church, South, in feeling; for in 1868, when the way of usefulness opened up again, he returned to the M. E. Church, South, and was continued on the superanuated list for awhile. He then became effective, and traveled for several years, the two last of which were on the Morristown and Rutledge circuits.

The leading trait in his character was devotion to God and fidelity to the Church. He never compromised with sin, the world or the devil in any sense. Whatever appeared to him to be right, was espoused by him heartily, and without any regard to what men might think or say, though he might make many enemies and turn many friends against himself.

When he knew what God would have him do and say, he would do and say those very things, if the heavens should fall. Yet, when he came to die, there was no man more loved and honored. Though he waged a relentless war against sin, and opposed the sinner's views and feelings so many times, yet sin-

ners reverence his memory and honor his name now that he is gone. He never acted from motives of policy, he simply did, at all times, what seemed to be duty. In this he was a model for a Christian minister. The young preacher would do well to follow his steps in this respect. He had more honor in his death than all time-serving principles could have secured him.

At the last Conference he was superanuated again; and not long thereafter he felt symptoms of heart-disease, which grew worse, until his sudden death, on the seventh of June, 1876. His death was peaceful and happy. His faith in God was strong to the very last. He desired that his love and last blessing should be borne to the Holston Conference, with which he never expected to meet again until its members all meet in heaven. He said he never had enjoyed a Conference so much as our last session, and especially the society of the young preachers. It was his desire to be buried at Liberty Hill Church by the side of Bro. Crismond, as they had preached and labored together for so many years.

The morning of his death, while at family prayer, he seemed to anticipate his speedy dissolution. His prayer was very powerful, full of heavenly unction. He prayed for his family—all present and those absent—for his friends and enemies, if he had any; for the Church and the ministry, and for the young people so recently converted in the revival at Morristown. No one seemingly ever enjoyed a meeting more. God gave him such a blessing that he frequently went all over the house shouting and praising His name, talking to others about their salvation.

A few weeks thereafter this useful and faithful servant of God peacefully and triumphantly fell asleep in Christ.

JAS. S. KENNEDY, Chairman.

MEMOIR OF REV. JAMES W. DICKEY.

James Wesley Dickey was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, March 24, 1829. He made a profession of religion when ten years old, and graduated at Hiwassee College when quite young. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Madisonville Circuit, Athens District, David Fleming Presiding Elder, June 5, 1852. He joined the Holston Conference at Asheville, North Carolina, October, 1852, and was appointed to the Tellico Mission. In 1853 he was sent to the Saltville Circuit. In 1854 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Pierce at Cleveland, Tenn., and the following year traveled the Burnsville Circuit. In 1855 he was sent to the Abingdon Station. In 1856 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Early, at Knoxville, Tennessee, and appointed to the Kingston Circuit. He afterward filled the following charges: 1857, Jonesboro Station; 1858 and 1859. Marion Circuit; 1860 and 1861. Parisburg Circuit; 1862 and 1863, Pikeville District; 1864, Superinten-

dent army missions. From 1865 to 1869 he traveled the Abingdon District as Presiding Elder; and from 1869 to 1873, the Wytheville District; 1873, Marion Circuit; 1874, Abingdon Circuit; 1875, he was returned to the Abingdon Circuit. He labored faithfully here, as everywhere else, until death closed his career of toil and self-sacrifice.

From the above data it will be seen that he spent nearly twenty-four years in active labors as an itinerant preacher. In 1857 he was married to Susan Emeline Waterman, who preceded him to their final rest about four years. On Sunday, the twenty-sixth of last March, he was violently attacked with typhoid fever, and after lingering ten days, calmly and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. He fell in the midst of the fight, and with his armor on. For his last sermon, when he little thought it would be his last, he chose as a text that beautiful passage in the Epistle to the Philippians: "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better."

A short time before his death, when informed that his end was near and asked if his faith in God was still strong, he replied: "It is *fixed*."

Thus this faithful man of God passed away to his final rest.

JAS. S. KENNEDY, Chairman.

MEMOIR OF REV. JOHN REYNOLDS.

The subject of this memoir was born in Rowan county, North Carolina, June 4, 1797. He was a son of religious parents, and early had religious impressions. Of his conversion he says: "Although at the distance of more than sixty years, I delight to go back to the very spot where God, for Christ's sake, spoke peace to my troubled soul.

"'The gladness of that happy day,
Oh may it ever, ever stay.'

"Having found the pearl of great price, I ran with eagerness to tell of the power of saving Grace."

Soon after his conversion he was appointed class-leader, a cross to him almost unbearable.

In 1818 he was licensed to exhort by Taccheus Dowling, and with him traveled a few rounds on Sugar Creek Circuit, South Carolina Conference.

Deeply impressed that it was his duty to preach, he passed many days and nights in a painful struggle between a sense of duty and his natural disinclination to enter upon a work for which he felt so poorly qualified on account of his extreme youth and want of education.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Augusta, Georgia, in January, 1819, received into full connection in January, 1821, and ordained deacon by Bishop George. He was ordained elder by Bishop Roberts in 1825.

His health failing, he located in 1826, and moved to the mountains of North Carolina. In 1855 he was re-admitted into the traveling connection in the Holston Annual Conference. He sustained this relation until his death.

He was a man of fine common sense, and turned to good account the many valuable lessons learned in the great school of association. Modest, upright, candid, gentlemanly, gentle, and yet firmly fixed in his convictions—he won the confidence and Christian respect of all who knew him.

As a preacher he was earnest and practical, pungent, terse, impressive and successful. He aimed at results and achieved them. He was dauntless in his devotion to truth and righteousness. Persecution and reproach did not deter or swerve him from the path of duty.

He was a pioneer, and rejoiced that he was called to share the toils and privations and Christian companionship of such men as James O. Andrew, Jesse Richardson, Daniel Asbury, Lewis Myers and Joseph Travis. He was a personal witness of many extraordinary "bodily exercises," as he was wont to call them, in his early ministry, in which scores and hundreds fell prostrate under his powerful sermons—stiff and cold, as if they were dead.

Ardently attached to the old usages of the Church, he feared he might be denounced as unprogressive; still such was his uniform kindness and gentleness of manner, that every one loved and respected him. In his declining years he often referred to the marked contrast between the present time and the early years of his ministry, in which he and others of his contemporaries encountered peltings by stones, pistol shots from furious wretches, and other deeds of violence. Denuded of hat, coat and shoes, he was compelled to walk many miles, barefoot, and, with uncovered head, exposed to the scorching sun, and now and then forced to sleep in the jungles of the woods to escape the violence of drunken desperadoes. With courage and faith he patiently bore all for the Master's sake. He spent his closing years on the Asheville District. They were among his most useful and happy days, among his children and friends. His life was remarkably exemplary, and always influential for good.

He died as he lived, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, testifying to all who were privileged to witness the closing scenes of his earthly pilgrimage, that the Lord was with him, that heaven was his home, and that the angels were present waiting to convey him to his final and everlasting rest. The old veteran of the Cross fell to sleep April 11, 1876, and peacefully rests from labor on earth. He awaits the resurrection of the just.

JAMES S. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Question XX. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer. Their names were called and characters examined, one by one, and all passed except G. M. Massey, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Asheville District.

Question XXI. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer. Local preachers, 308; white members, 40,986; colored members, 80; Indian members, 204.

Question XXII. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer. One thousand, three hundred and seventy-eight.

Question XXIII. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer. Two thousand, three hundred and fifty nine.

Question XXIV. What is the number of Sunday-Schools?

Answer. Four hundred and fifty-nine.

Question XXV. What is the number of Sunday-School Teachers?

Answer. Three thousand and forty-three.

Question XXVI. What is the number of Sunday-School scholars?

Answer. Twenty-two thousand, five hundred and sixteen.

Question XXVII. What amount is necessary for the superanuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer. One thousand, eight hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Question XXVIII. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Answer. One thousand, three hundred and sixty-one dollars, and sixty-four cents.

Question XXIX. What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer.

For domestic missions	$ 2,499.11
For foreign missions	1,518.55
Total	$ 4,017.66

Question XXX. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Answer. At Cleveland, Tennessee.

Question XXXI. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer. The following are the appointments for 1876–77:

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1876--77.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. MILES, P. E.

Wytheville Station, W. B. Stradley.
Wytheville Circuit, W. H. Price.
Marion Circuit, G. D. French, J. N. Lotspeich.
Jefferson Circuit, I. S. Ross.
Independence Circuit, B. F. Nuckols.
Elk Creek Circuit, J. Mahoney, W. J. Phillips, (sup.)
{ Hillsville Circuit, W. W. Hicks.
{ Carroll Mission, to be supplied.
Leadmines Circuit, H. C. Neal.
Newbern Circuit, G. Stewart.
Central Circuit, J. K. Wolfe.
Jacksonville Station and Floyd Mission, L. W. Thompson.
Watauga Circuit, J. A. Wiggins.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

T. F. SMYTH, P. E.

Jeffersonville Station, L. K. Haynes.
Liberty Hill Circuit, W. S. Jordan.
East Tazewell Circuit, W. H. Kelly, P. P. Kinzer; G. W. K. Green, sup'y.
Pearisburg Circuit, J. W. Bowman.
Seddon Circuit, E. Vertegans, William Hicks, sup'y.
Princeton Circuit, P. S. Sutton.
Buchanan Mission, W. M. Crawford.
McDowell Mission, S. Richardson.
Bluestone and Flat Top Mission, J. R. Walker.

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

B. W. S. BISHOP, P. E.

Abingdon Station, D. W. Carter; W. H. Barnes, sup'y.
Abingdon Circuit, M. S. Watts; J. B. Davis, sup'y.
Emory and Saltville Circuit, E. W. Moore, J. W. Carnes.
Rich Valley Circuit, A. T. Brooks.
Bristol Station, J. T. Frazier.
Bristol Circuit, J. R. Cunningham.
Lebanon Circuit, C. E. Wiggins.
Dickinsonville Circuit, H. W. Bays.
Gladeville Circuit, W. L. Richardson.
McClure Mission, supplied by I. N. Boyd.
Estillville Circuit, M. L. Clendenen.
E. E. Wiley, President Emory and Henry College; J. A. Davis, Professor.
D. Sullins, President, and D. S. Hearon, Professor, Sullins College.
E. E. Hoss, Professor, Martha Washington College.
G. A. Frazier, Principal, Abingdon District High School.
W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Sunday-school Secretary.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

F. RICHARDSON, P. E.

Jonesboro Station, T. R. Handy.
Johnson City and Elizabethton Station, G. W. Simpson.
Blountville Circuit, L. C. Delashmit.
Jonesboro Circuit, J. H. Sensabaugh.
Union Circuit, G. W. Callahan.
Rheatown Circuit, J. L. M. French.
Greeneville Circuit, J. D. Hickson.
Newport Circuit, I. H. Hoskins.
St. Clair Circuit, W. R. Barnett.
Fall Branch Circuit and Horse Creek Mission, F. D. Crumley.
Taylorsville Mission, supplied by W. K. Cross.
District Conference High School, R. T. Barton.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

J. BORING, P. E.

Morristown Station, C. S. Carroll; J. N. S. Huffaker, sup'y.
Morristown Circuit, D. R. Smith.
Mossy Creek Station, J. A. Lyons.
Rogersville Circuit, W. B. Reese.
Rutledge Circuit, H. P. Waugh.
Kingsport Circuit, J. M. Wolfe.
Rye Cove Circuit, F. A. Farley, W. B. Baldwin.
Jonesville Circuit, J. H. Torbett; W. L. Turner, sup'y.
Powell's Valley Circuit, W. H. Cooper, C. S. Bird.
{ Tazewell Circuit, C. F. Clark.
{ Sneedville Mission, J. D. Baldwin.
H. P. Myers, President of Branner Institute.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

C. LONG, P. E.

{ Knoxville, Church-st., J. S. Burnett.
{ Knoxville, City Mission, W. H. Bates.
Knoxville, Broad-st., W. W. Bays.
Knoxville Circuit, B. O. Davis.
Lenoir Circuit, H. S. Lee.
Maryville and Louisville Circuit, J. C. Runyan.
Clinton Circuit, E. L. Barrett.
Maynardsville Circuit, J. M. Marshall, R. A. Hutsell.
Jacksboro Circuit, C. K. Miller.
Strawberry Plains and Dandridge Circuit, J. S. W. Neel, A. E. Householder.
Sevierville Circuit, J. H. Kennedy.
Knoxville District High School, J. R. Payne, Associate Principal.
Editor *Holston Methodist*, R. N. Price.
Conference Book Agent, Jacob Smith.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

G. TAYLOR, P. E.

Athens Station, ~~to be supplied~~; R. M. Hickey, sup'y.
Athens Circuit, S. D. Gaines; J. K. P. Ball, sup'y.
Riceville Circuit, S. T. M. McPherson.
Decatur Circuit, D. H. Carr, C. M. James.
Sweetwater Circuit, L. L. H. Carlock.
Philadelphia and Loudon Circuit, W. W. Pyott.
Unitia and Morgantown Circuit, J. W. Robertson.
Eleazer Circuit and Tellico Mission, M. D. Thompson; J. R. Stradley, sup'y.
Madisonville Circuit, W. D. Mountcastle.
J. H. Brunner, President Hiwassee College.
S. Phillips, Agent Hiwassee College.

J. T. Smith, Colporteur American Bible Society.
G. C. Rankin, Principal Athens District High School.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. M. McTEER, P. E.

Chattanooga, Market-st., R. H. Parker.
Chattanooga, Whiteside-street, J. W. Smith.
Lookout Mission, supplied by W. J. Drinnon.
Cleveland Station, J. H. Keith.
Cleveland and Benton Circuit, supplied by J. A. Darr.
Charleston Station, K. C. Atkins.
Ooltewah Circuit, J. Bilderback.
Hamilton Circuit and Sale Creek Mission, W. H. Darn.
Trenton Circuit, T. T. Salyer, J. C. Bays.

SEQUATCHIE DISTRICT.

S. R. WHEELER, P. E.

Jasper Station, D. H. Dickey.
Jasper Circuit, J. H. Parrott; J. Alley, sup'y.
Pikeville Circuit, J. R. Stewart.
Washington Circuit, R. E. Smith.
Kingston Circuit, T. F. Glenn.
Jamestown Circuit and Obed River Mission, J. V. Brown.
Crossville Circuit and Bonair Mission, J. O. Shelley; G. W. Renfro, sup'y.
Spencer Mission, D. H. Coman.
Altamont and Mountain Mission. R. M. Standifer.
Tracy City, J. I. Cash, Jr.
Summerfield Circuit and Cove Mission, T. P. Darr.
Clinch River Mission, J. P. Dickey.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

A. J. FRAZIER, P. E.

Asheville Station, J. Atkins, Jr.
Weaverville Circuit, J. H. Robeson, A. Kincaid; R. W. Pickens, sup'y.
Sulphur Springs Ct., W. D. Mitchell.
Brevard Circuit, S. S. Grant.
Hendersonville Circuit, S. S. Weatherly.
Catawba Circuit, W. B. Lyda.
Burnsville Circuit, J. P. Reynolds.
Bakersville Circuit, J. T. Stover.
Laurel Mission, J. F. Wampler.
Marshall Circuit and Pine Creek Mission, W. D. Akers.
J. S. Kennedy, President Weaverville College.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

D. H. ATKINS, P. E.

Franklin Station, M. P. Swaim.
Franklin Circuit, T. Alexander.
Waynesville Circuit, W. M. Kerr.
North Haywood Circuit, J. R. Long.
Hayesville Circuit, J. E. Cox.
Murphy Circuit, E. H. Bogle.
Ducktown Station, W. C. Carden.
Mine City Mission, supplied by A. C. Hunter.
Echota Indian Mission, J. W. Bird, and "*Enola*" supplied.
Webster Circuit, to be supplied.
Robinsville Mission, E. S. Shelley.

TRANSFERRED.

James Atkins, Sr., to Little Rock Conference; George T. Gray, to Western Conference; H. T. Burger, to Columbia Conference; S. B. Smitteel, to Florida Conference; W. P. Doane, to West Texas Conference.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE, 1825.

Admitted on Trial.—William Ketron, Thomas K. Catlett, Chris. Easterly, John Trotter, Ulrich Keener, Hugh Johnson, Jacob McDaniel, Henry Williams, J. W. Paddleford.

Admitted to full connection.—J. D. Harris, R. Kirkpatrick, E. F. Sevier, Creed Fulton, Isaac Easterly.

Supernumerary.—David Adams.

Superannuated.—James Dixon, Geo. Ekin, Jas. G. H. Speer.

Locations.—Samuel Harwell, John Bradfield, F. A. Owen, Abraham Still, W. P. Kendrick.

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS.

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

SAMUEL PATTON, P. E.

Lee, Thomas J. Brown.
Hawkins, Goodson McDaniel.
Clinch, John Bowman, Hugh Johnson.
Tazewell, Josiah B. Daughtry.
Giles, Thomas Rice, Wm. Ketron.
New River, Edward T. Peery, John S. Henly.
Ash, Robert Kirkpatrick.
Abingdon, William Patton, U. Keener.
Blountville, Geo. Horn, David Fleming.

FRENCH BROAD DISTRICT.

THOS. STRINGFIELD, P. E.

Carter's Valley, Wm. S. Manson, W. T. Senter.
Jonesboro, Isaac Lewis, William Cumming; D. Adams, sup'y.
Green, John Kelley, J. W. Paddleford.
Newport, Josiah Rhoton, Paxton Cumming.
French Broad, David B. Cumming.
Black Mount, A. Overall, J. Trotter.
Franklin, James D. Harris.
Sulphur Springs, James Cumming, C. Easterly.
Little River, Jesse Cunnyngham.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

JOHN HENNIGER, P. E.

Knox, Jas. Y. Crawford, Jacob Hearn.
Maryville, E. F. Sevier.
Tellico, Lewis Jones, Henry Williams.
Hiwassee, Josiah R. Smith, Moses E. Kerr.
Washington, Isaac Easterly.
Sequatchie, Jacob McDaniel.
Cumberland Mt., Branch H. Merrimon.
Kingston, Creed Fulton, Thos. K. Catlett.
Powell's Valley, John Craig.
George Atkin without a station this year.

The above is inserted here as a matter of comparison with the list of appointments for 1876.

It was furnished last year by Dr. J. B. McFerrin in answer to some inquiries about the first preachers of our Conference.

CONFERENCE REPORTS.

Reports of Committees are adopted by vote of the Conference, and thereby approved and made the official action of the body. These reports are published for the consideration of members of the Church, and as a matter of reference by the preachers during the year.

No report is omitted. The report of the Board of Finance, the reports on Sunday-Schools and on Collections for Missions, are divided; and part put in the tables at the end of these reports.

The arrangement of reports is the work of the Editor, and is different from the order in which they were presented.

The *Memoirs* of Revs. D. B. Carter, J. W. Dickey and J. Reynolds, may be found in the Minutes, with the Question, "Who have died this year?"

C.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To the President and members of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Educacation, beg leave to report that they have had the same under serious and prayerful consideration and from the lights before them are of the opinion that there is a great improvement in the minds of our people on this subject. The scarcity of money is the greatest draw-back with which we have to contend. There is a desire to educate, but a want of ability.

We are satisfied that the system of district schools, as adopted by your body, has been and is of great benefit to the Church in affording means of acquiring a passable education to many who otherwise would have remained in comparative ignorance; and of awakening a desire in the hearts of many others to seek a higher and better knowledge. We therefore heartily and earnestly recommend these schools to the patronage of our people, as a means of Christian education, which should be extended in our colleges.

EMORY AND HENRY is the oldest institution in your midst, and justly stands at the head of the list of colleges in your bounds. It was founded by the older members of your body, many of whom are now sleeping in their graves. It has been patronized and sustained by your efforts, and we are happy to be able to say that it has merited, and still merits, more patronage than it has received. The Faculty is able and all well qualified for the work assigned them; the facilities of imparting knowledge being equal to any in the South, while its discipline is mild but firm. So well are these facts known that other States and Conferences are yearly sending their boys to fill her halls and receive her instruction.

We recommend that Rev. Carroll Long be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Visiting Committee, caused by the death of Rev. J. W. Dickey.

HIWASSEE COLLEGE was mainly started by the energy and liberality of the immediate settlers around her, who were great

lovers of Methodism, as well as patrons of education. It was built to supply a needed want, and then turned over to your body comparatively free from debt. Her Trustees and Faculty deserve the thanks of all lovers of Christian education for their faithful labors and continued perseverance. She has done, and is still doing, a noble work. Her course of instruction is good, and her Faculty able and all competent for the trust committed to each of them. She deserves patronage, and should have it.

Her Trustees request the Bishop to appoint them an agent the present year, as they desire to increase their buildings, and we recommend that their request be granted.

The Trustees request that Rev. S. D. Gaines be appointed on the Board of Trustees of Hiwassee College, in place of Col. T. Lenoir, and we recommend the appointment.

Martha Washington Female College is the only school of the kind belonging to your body, and justly deserves the patronage of the Church. We are pleased to know that she has a liberal and still increasing patronage. Her course of instruction is complete, and her Faculty well qualified for the work in which they are engaged. She has under her instruction young ladies from States beyond your bounds, and from her healthy location and facilities of instruction, will ever have an increasing patronage, as she deserves to have. We can cheerfully recommend her to all persons having daughters to educate.

We would most respectfully urge upon the Trustees the great necessity of husbanding their resources as much as possible until the small debt hanging over her be liquidated, as it is desirable to have all our colleges free from financial embarrassment.

Weaverville College is a new institution, established in the North Carolina portion of your Conference. It is situated in a beautiful and healthy section of the county, in one of the oldest Methodist settlements of all that mountain section. She is properly a child of necessity. Though not belonging to the Conference or Church, as a whole, yet her preparatory department is the District High School of the Asheville District. In that department males and females are both taught, while the college proper is a male school. The Faculty is a good one. The school is doing a noble work, and justly deserves, and is receiving a fine patronage.

The Trustees request that Rev. J. S. Kennedy, D. D., be returned as President of the joint schools, and we heartily recommend it.

Sullins College.—There was a paper that should have been turned over to the Committee on Education, which failed to reach us. We are, therefore at a loss to know what to say in regard to said school. We learn from other sources that the school is in a very flourishing condition, and is doing a good work.

If the Trustees desire Bro. Sullins to be returned to said school as her President, we would recommend that their request be granted, and that Bro. Hearon be returned as a Professor.

The founder of Branner Female Institute, at Mossy Creek, Tenn., asks that Rev. Herbert P. Myers be appointed to the Presidency of the same, which request we recommend be granted.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.—We rejoice to know that through the liberality of Cornelius Vanderbilt, a great Southern university has been founded and endowed, in the name of Vanderbilt University. It is a source of gratitude to the whole Church to know that such an institution has been established beyond the possibility of failure. We trust that it will ever be conducted strictly as a university that there may never be any collision between that noble institution and our colleges.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. M. KERR, Chairman.

D.

REPORT ON CHURCH SCHOOLS.

To the President and members of the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

Your Committee on Church Schools beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Committee on Education, at the last session of this Conference, recommended the appointment of a committee who should report at this session of the Conference, "the precise relation of the various schools to the church;" and,

WHEREAS, Upon this recommendation the Conference at its last session appointed said committee, who made an effort to have the information necessary to enable them to make this report at this session of the Conference, but for the want of such information, and the impossibility of having access to the records of the counties where these schools are located, it is impossible to report "the precise property relation of these schools to the church;" therefore,

Resolved, That those having our church schools in charge be and they are hereby requested to furnish in writing on the first day of the next session of this Conference, the precise and specific relation of the property under their control to the church.

Resolved, That the Committee on Education, at the next session of this Conference, be requested to embody the desired information in their report to the Conference. Respectfully submitted,

F. W. EARNEST,
E. C. REEVES,
E. E. WILEY.

J.

REPORT ON SULLINS COLLEGE.

To the President and members of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

The undersigned committee, appointed by your body to confer with the Trustees and original donors of Sullins College, having had the consultation contemplated beg leave to make the following report:

We find that the orginal donors of said college property having in their deed conveying said property to the Trustees, reserved to themselves a reversionary interest in said property; that is, that if the property should, for five consecutive years, fail to be used for the purpose for which it is granted, then that the title to the whole property shall revert to the original donors; said original donors, through their committee, now propose to convey said reversionary interest to the Holston Conference, without conditions.

Your committee further beg leave to report that the Trustees of said college invite the Holston Conference to appoint a Visiting Committee of five, or more, of the members of the Conference, who shall have power perpetually to nominate the President of said college.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That the Conference accept the propositions made both by the original donors and the trustees of Sullins College.

2. *Resolved,* That the Conference appoint a Board of Curators of five of its members, pursuant to the request of the trustees of said college, and that said committee have power to consummate the proposed arrangement with the original donors of said college property.

Respectfully reported,

GEO. W. MILES,
B. W. S. BISHOP,
W. B. ASTON.

E.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

To the President and members of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals submit the following facts and figures:

We are pleased to learn from the exhibit of Dr. Redford, agent of the Publishing House, at Nashville, that during the year ending July 1, 1876, the indebtedness of the house has been decreased to the amount of $5,695.20, and the capital invested, in the same time, has increased $9,150.22.

Yet, difficulties surround the House, entailing great care and perplexity upon the Agent and Managers.

The aid of all our traveling preachers, as well as the co-operation of the laity, is much needed during the next Conference year, that this great enterprise of the Church may be placed on a firm financial basis.

It is with regret that we announce to this body that the reports from the various fields of labor within our bounds reveal the fact that, during the ecclesiastical year just closing, the amount of books sold has diminished almost fifty per cent. when compared with last year.

Brethren, let us see to it that during the next year the claims of the House are duly presented to all our people, and the sales, if possible, increased beyond those of any previous year.

We are glad that the Nashville *Christian Advocate* has increased its circulation nearly 20 per cent. over that of last year, and that other religious papers published in the interest of our Church have been liberally patronized by our people.

Your committee submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. *Resolved*, As preachers and laymen, we will use diligence in circulating our own publications, giving them preference to all others.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Nashville *Christian Advocate*—"our Connectional Organ"—so ably edited by Dr. Summers, as a most excellent family newspaper, and will endeavor to increase its circulation within the boundaries of our Conference.

3. *Resolved*, That we regard the *Holston Methodist*—"our Home Organ"—as essential to our success, and will endeavor to develop its usefulness and make it what its editors and publishers desire it to become.

4. *Resolved*, That we are greatly pleased with our Sunday-School Literature, as edited by our own Dr. Cannyngham, and will make an effort to introduce the same into all our Sunday-Schools.

5. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the continued publication of the HOLSTON ANNUAL, as proposed by Rev. J. R. Payne, and will encourage him in the promotion of this desirable enterprise.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. KEITH,
T. P. SUMMERS,
L. L. K. CARLOCK.

I.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

To the President and members of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

From the table of statistics appended to this report, your committee have collected the following facts, which may be of interest to the Conference:

The whole number of Sunday-School scholars, reported from the various charges, amounts to 22,516, being 720 less than the

number reported at the last session. This decrease may be accounted for by the fact that several circuits made no report, and others were incomplete. But in whatever way the deficiency may be explained, the fact stares us in the face that the number of our Sunday-School scholars does not keep pace with the increase of population; and although several thousand names have been added to the roll of the Church, the number of children in our Sunday-schools is but little more than fifty per cent. of the whole membership.

We find that forty charges take no *Visitors;* thirty-eight no *Magazines;* twenty-three no *Lesson Papers;* thirty-five no *Little People*, and sixteen have collected no money for missionary or Sunday-School purposes.

Brethren, these things ought not to be so. The Church has been at great expense in publishing a Sunday-School literature, well adapted to the wants of our schools and children, and has put at the head of this department a capable and godly man, taken from our own Conference, and yet, from so many charges there has been no response in the effort or means to circulate this literature among our young people.

We find, also, the following amounts collected on the different districts for Sunday-School and Missionary purposes:

ABINGDON DISTRICT		$ 274.76
Largest collection, Emory circuit, 9 schools	$ 75.00	
Next largest collection, Abingdon station, 2 schools	65.00	
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT		190.00
Largest collection, Asheville station, 1 school	92.00	
ATHENS DISTRICT		178.80
Largest collection, Decatur circuit, 4 schools	56.00	
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT		289.74
Largest collection, Chattanooga station, 2 schools	90.23	
Next largest collection, South Chattanooga station, 1 school	85.28	
FRANKLIN DISTRICT		104.50
Largest collection, Murphy circuit, 5 schools	28.00	
JONESBORO' DISTRICT		125.15
Largest collection, Blountville circuit, 8 schools	35.00	
Next largest collection, Jonesboro' station, 1 school	25.00	
JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT		109.00
Largest collection, Pearisburg circuit, 13 schools	72.00	
KNOXNILLE DISTRICT		922.37
Largest collection, Broad-st. station, 1 school	383.37	
Next largest collection, Church-st. station, 1 school	300.00	
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT		173.25
Largest collection, Mossy Creek station, 1 school	74.00	
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT		483.50
Largest collection, Wytheville circuit and station, 8 schools	200.00	
SEQUATCHIE DISTRICT		143.35
Largest collection, Jasper station, 1 school	51.25	
Total		$ 2,994.35

The whole amount collected during the past year, by all the districts, is $2,994.35, being $273.33 more than the preceding Conference year. This increase, though small, is encouraging, as it indicates increasing liberality on the part of the Sunday-

Schools. "Train up a child in the way he should go," is a Divine command; and as this training includes all the elements that make up Christian character, the habit of giving to the cause of God must be formed in childhood. Children should be taught that it is not only a *duty*, but a *privilege*, to give; that it is a means of grace as essential to the cultivation of piety as prayer, or praise, or the study of the Scriptures. Our children should not only be made the almoners of our charities, but be taught the importance of self-sacrifice and self-denial in making and saving money for the treasury of the Lord. There is a feeling of satisfaction connected with this self-denying practice that not only elevates the character of the child, but generates within him the true principle of Christian benevolence, and makes him a cheerful giver. With such teaching and such training, we are assured by the Word of God that "when he is old he will not depart from it."

While the Sunday-School is intended to be an *auxiliary* to religious instruction *at home*, it should never be made a *substitute* for it. "Bring up *your* children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," is an injunction addressed to *parents* only. While they are authorized to use the means and appliances which the Church or society may furnish for the religious training of their children, they can not shift their responsibility, or delegate their authority, in this important work, to the conscience, teaching or practice of any other person or persons. In some communities the Sunday-School has stimulated fathers and mothers to a more diligent performance of their duty in this respect, but in others it has been made a pretext for neglecting the religious instruction of the little ones at home. Parents should co-operate with teachers by studying the lessons with their children, by attending the Sunday-School with them whenever they can, by taking part in the religious exercises for which they are qualified, and in any other way in which they can manifest their interest in the importance and success of this great enterprise of the Church.

The Sunday-School should be used to cultivate the piety of the Church, by utilizing the talent, energy, influence and moral power of the laity. Many young men and women, after passing through a certain course of study in the Sunday-School, look upon themselves as too old, or too well informed to derive any further benefit from its teachings. This proceeds from a misconception of its dignity and purpose. The Bible is the great fountain of truth and knowledge, and all the learning and science and research of the past eighteen centuries have served to show the inexhaustible sources of its waters. Here the most ardent intellect that pants for knowledge, can slake its thirst in these refreshing streams. Let the departments of the school be so arranged as to employ the oldest as well as the youngest. Let young men and young women organize classes for mutual instruction, in which, if they can, bring together the results of

their own researches, and thus contribute to the common stock of information. If they can do nothing more, let them here learn to pray in public, to sing in public, to go out into the highways and hedges and bring in the children to the Sunday-School. These useful and holy pursuits will keep alive their own piety, and make their youthful energies contribute to the interests of the Church.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we will renew our efforts to increase the number of pupils in our Sunday-Schools, and to utilize the laity of the Church to a larger extent in promoting this great interest.

Resolved, 2. That we urge upon the superintendents and teachers the necessity and importance of using our Church literature in all of our Sunday-Schools as far as possible.

WARREN DuPRE,
H. H. WEBB.

K.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

To the President and members of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to submit the following report:

Upon investigation, it is found that the American Bible Society is now publishing the Christian Scriptures in some seventy languages and dialects. It is publishing in these various tongues about a million volumes per annum thus opening these scriptures to some eight hundred millions of people. Since its organization in 1816 it has sent forth more than thirty-three millions of volumes in various languages, to enlighten the world and bring it to Christ

The Society commends itself to all denominations and sections as all its publications are without note or comment. It knows no section or country in its world-wide mission. It has made the Bible the cheapest book in the world, endeavoring thus to place it within the reach of all classes.

The Board of Missions of our own Church have made calls on the Society for supplies of Bibles for all our foreign missions and all these calls have been promptly and fully answered.

The Society, therefore, by its catholic spirit and work, commends itself to our confidence and support.

Your committee submit the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference:

1. *Resolved*, That we cordially welcome Rev. Dr. G. S. Savage, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the District of Kentucky and East and Middle Tennessee; that we have heard with pleasure and approval his judicious and practical address delivered before the Conference, and that

we pledge to him our hearty sympathy, and as far as practicable, our earnest co-operation in his important work.

2. *Resolved*, That we will do all in our power to supply the destitution of the Scriptures that may be found in our respective charges.

3. *Resolved*, That we will preach an annual sermon bearing upon the cause, and take an annual collection in aid of its funds.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. BUCHANAN,
J. H. TORBITT,
D. A. CARPENTER.

F.

REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

To the President and members of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

The Committee on Church Property respectfully report to this Conference the following:

Heretofore each annual report on Church property has shown an estimated value of the Church property within the bounds of the Holston Conference, which estimated value was based on the reports of the preachers from their respective charges, made to the particular Conference session, and independently of any former valuation, or nearly so. As a large number of the ministers are yearly changed in the fields of labor, therefore much of the property that has an estimated valuation placed upon it one year by one class of preachers, has a very different estimate placed upon it the following year by another class of pastors; thus showing an apparent change in valuation that is not real. To illustrate: In one district, by the report of the Church Property Committee of 1875, which was made from the reports of the preachers of that district, the churches and parsonages of that district had a valuation placed upon them. The reports of the preachers from that district to this session of the Conference, after deducting the amount expended during the year in building and repairing churches and parsonages show an increase in value of that kind of property of over $10,000—that is, the same property, without repairing, is worth more by over $10,000 in 1876 than it was in 1875. Of course the increase thus shown is not real, but only apparent.

Such a system of yearly valuation, your committee thinks, is radically wrong, for it yearly shows such an appreciation or depreciation in the value of our Church property as not only confounds those not of our Church, but really makes our official reports of the value of Church property inconsistent and unreliable.

Your committee, by a "new departure," have sought to avoid, as far as possible, those increased or decreased valuations of

churches and parsonages which are only apparent and not real. To attain this end your committee took the valuation of the churches and parsonages as shown by the report of the Church Property Committee of 1875. That committee was an able and energetic one, with Dr. Wiley at its head. It had the very same means and resources of information for fixing the value of church property that this committee have had, and this committee can see no reason why the valuation of church property as shown by that committee, is not as reliable as any that can be fixed by this committee, and much more consistent than a present estimate that would show an apparent—not real—appreciation or depreciation in value of many thousands of dollars. Therefore, your committee have ignored the valuation of churches and parsonages shown by the reports of the preachers to this session, but take the money actually expended during the Conference year in building and repairing churches and parsonages as the more reliable measure of the real increase, in value, of that kind of property during the year. The increase thus shown approximates the real.

Your committee regret that the reports of the preachers, owing to the imperfect form of the blanks furnished them, fail to show how much of the money expended during the year was put into churches, and how much into parsonages, and in the absence of such information, your committee, *ex-necessitate*, must report together the increase in value of churches and parsonages. And, on account of the defects in the form of the printed blanks furnished our preachers, it does not appear how many new churches, nor how many parsonages were built during the year; but the numbers, new and old, are reported together, and the only way to ascertain the increase in the number of churches and parsonages is to compare the number reported in 1875 with the number reported in 1876. This would seem a reliable mode, but owing to a want of precision in reporting numbers in 1875, or incorrect reports in 1876, the result is most unsatisfactory; and your committee discards the increase in number thus shown, as wholly unreliable.

Your committee have learned of no churches having been destroyed by fire, wind or water, or otherwise, during the year, and, although over $39,000 have been expended during the year in building and repairing churches and parsonages, and although new churches have gone up in almost every district, yet by comparing the number of churches reported in 1876, with the number reported in 1875, your committee find a decrease in a number of the districts, and in one district a decrease of eight churches; and the increase in bounds of the whole Conference for the year only one and a quarter of churches. Your committee can only report such facts as are elicited from the reports furnished by the preachers, and regret the unsatisfactory result reached. Your committee urge the importance of careful and

correct reports as to the number of churches on each circuit and station.

From the amount expended in building and repairing churches and parsonages during the year, from the published notices in our church papers of the erection and dedication of churches, and from other sources of information, your committee must believe that old Holston is advancing with commendable rapidity in acquiring houses for her preachers, and altars for her worshipers.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Number churches	61
Increase during the year in number of churches	7
Number parsonages	7
Increase during the year in parsonages	1
Number church sittings	19,400
Value of churches in 1875, $60,700; of parsonages, $6,800—total $	67,500.00
Increase during year in value of churches and parsonages	9,775
Other property	1,975
Total church property in District	$79,250,00

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Number of churches	49
Number of parsonages	1
Number church sittings	17,450
Value of churches in 1875, $28,400; of parsonages in 1875, $1,000—total $	29,400.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages for the year	2,940.00
Value of other property	2,650.00
Total value of church property in District $	34,990.00

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

Number of churches	50
Decrease for the year in number of churches	1
Number of parsonages	4
Number of church sittings	23,780
Value of churches in 1875, $30,050; of parsonages in 1875, $6,900—total $	36,950.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages for the year	9,792.00
Other church property, exclusive of colleges	500.00
Total of all property in the District exclusive of college property $	47,242.00
College property—Martha Washington	30,000.00
Emory and Henry	105,000.00
Total church property in the District $	182,242.00

JONESBORO' DISTRICT.

Number of churches	43
Decrease during the year in number of churches	2
Number of parsonages	4
Number of church sittings	11,600
Value of churches in 1875, $32,340; of parsonages in 1875, $3,200—total $	35,540.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages during the year	650.00
Value of other property	2,900.00
Total value of all church property in the District $	39,090.00

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

Number of churches	61
Increase during the year in number of churches	2
Number of parsonages	6
Number of church sittings	17,300
Value of churches in 1875, $33,700; of parsonages in 1875, $3,900—total $	37,600.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages for the year	2,080.00
Value of all other church property in the District	3,850.00
Total value of all church property in the District $	43,530.00

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Number of churches	41
Decrease during the year in number of churches	4
Number of parsonages	1
Number of church sittings	14,000
Value of churches in 1875, $41,450; of parsonages, $900—total $	42,350.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages during the year	8,886.02
Value of all other church property in the District	3,600.00
Total value of all church property in the District $	54,836.02

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Number of churches	38
Increase during the year in number of churches	6
Number of parsonages	2
Number of church sittings	13,400
Value of churches in 1875, $23,900; of parsonages in 1875, $1,000—total $	25,000.00
Increase during the year in value of churches and parsonages	866.00
Value of other chr. property in the District, except college property	4,200.00
Total value of all property in the District, except college property $	30,066.00
Value of Hiwassee College property	16,000.00
Total value of all church property in the District $	46,066.00

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Number of churches	20
Decrease during the year in number of churches	8
Number of parsonages	1
Increase during the year in parsonages	1
Number of church sittings	6,575
Value of churches in 1875, $41,000; of parsonages, —;—total $	41,000.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages during the year	3,110.48
Value of all other church property in the District	375.00
Total value of all church property in the District $	44,485.48

SEQUATCHIE DISTRICT.

Number of churches	19
Decrease during the year in the number of churches	4
Number of parsonages	2
Number of church sittings	7,100
Value of churches in 1875, $24,500; of parsonages in 1875, $1,050—total $	25,550.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages during the year	1,135.00
Value of all other church property in the District	400.00
Total value of all the church property in the District $	27,085.00

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Number of churches	36
Increase during the year in the number of churches	1
Number of parsonages	3
Increase during the year in parsonages	1
Number of church sittings	9,400
Value of churches in 1875, $24,850; of parsonages in 1875, $3,300—total	$ 28,150.00
Increase in value of churches and parsonages during the year	360.00
Value of all other church property in the District	1,300.00
Total value of all church property in the District	$ 29,810.00

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Number of churches	30
Increase during the year in the number of churches	4
Number of parsonages	6
Number of church sittings	7,750
Value of churches in 1875, $19,450; of parsonages in 1875, $3,700—total	$ 23,150.00
Increase in the value of churches and parsonages during the year	192.80
Value of all other church property in the District	1,500.00
Total value of all church property in the District	$ 24,842.80

Number of churches in the Conference in 1875	458
Number of churches in the Conference in 1876	459
Increase during the year in churches	1
Number of parsonages in the Conference in 1875	34
Number of parsonages in the Conference in 1876 *	37
Increase in the number of parsonages during the year	3
Number of church sittings	147,755
Value of churches and parsonages in 1875	$ 392,140.00
Value of churches and parsonages in 1876	421,827.30
Increase in churches and parsonages during the year	39,687.30
Value of college property	151,000.00
Value of all other church property	23,350.00
Total value of the church property of all kinds within the bounds of the Holston Conference	$ 596,077.30

Your committee respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That it shall be the duty of the preachers of circuits and stations, during the incoming year, to get the trustees of the church property within their respective charges to value said property, and that such valuation be reported to the next session of this Conference, and be taken as a basis of the valuation of church property by the Church Property Committee of the next Holston Annual Conference, and the valuation so reached is to remain as the valuation of such property for the next ensuing five years.

Resolved, 2. That for the five years next ensuing the Annual Conference of 1877, the preachers of circuits and stations will be required to report annually only the value of property acquired during the year, said valuation to be that fixed by the trustees of the property.

Resolved, 3. That hereafter the preachers of circuits and stations are required to report not only all the churches and parsonages in their respective charges, but to report separately the number of churches and parsonages erected during the year for which they report.

Resolved, 4. That the preachers of circuits and stations in their annual reports to the Conference, in reporting churches and parsonages, be required to show separately the expenditures on churches and on parsonages.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. C. REEVES, Chairman.

H.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME FOR THE CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

To the President and members of Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South:

The committee to whom was referred the foregoing subject, having had the same under careful consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, We learn that the Rev. L. M. Pease, of Asheville, N. C., proposes to donate to the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, a valuable property near the town of Asheville, as a home for the orphan children of deceased ministers of the Conference; and,

WHEREAS, He proposes to erect, at his own cost, suitable buildings for such a home, furnishing ample rooms for accommodating as many as fifty or more children, school rooms, chapel, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, The avowed object of Rev. L. M. Pease in making said donation of buildings and land is to furnish a home for the comfortable abode, and the proper physical, intellectual and moral training and culture of the orphan children of our deceased ministers who may be left without adequate means, either to support or educate themselves; and,

WHEREAS, Such a home, judiciously managed, and affording a certain guaranty to our brethren living, toiling and dying in the work of the itinerant ministry, would relieve many a devoted herald of the Cross of painful and distracting anxieties as to the future of his orphan children when he is dead and gone; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the members of the Holston Annual Conference receive with gladness and thankfulness the generous proposition of Rev. L. M. Pease to donate to the Conference such a home for our orphan children.

Resolved, 2. That the Conference do hereby appoint the following named brethren as a Board of Commissioners, to-wit: The Presiding Elder of Asheville District; the preacher in charge of Asheville Station; H. H. Webb, Col. A. T. Davidson and J. S. Kennedy, to confer with Rev. L. M. Pease touching the terms and conditions on which he may be willing to give and convey, to build and equip, and to superintend said Orphans' Home to and for the use and benefit of the Holston Annual Conference.

Resolved, 3. That said committee be, and they are hereby empowered, when they shall have made satisfactory arrangements with Rev. L. M. Pease concerning the foregoing proposition, to close the contract at once with him in due and legal form, and report their action to this body at its next session.

Resolved, 4. That in the event that said Board of Commissioners consummate satisfactorily this arrangement, we pledge ourselves as a Conference to turn over to the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home such proportion of the Conference Fund as shall be appropriated to the orphan children in the Home; and that we will use our influence to have as many of our orphan children as need be put in the Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. S. KENNEDY,
C. T. CARROLL,
E. E. HOSS.

A.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance beg leave to submit the following as their report:

1. Amount of salaries allowed the preachers	$52,832.00
2. Amount paid on salaries	37,510.76
3. Amount of deficiencies on salaries	15,321.24
4. Amount collected for Conference claimants on the several pastoral charges	1,117.47
5. Amount received of E. E. Wiley, Treasurer,—interest on note of Preachers' Aid Society	38.67
6. Amount received of E. E. Wiley, Treasurer,—interest on Waugh Fund	24.00
7. Amount received of G. Taylor, Trustee,—interest on Ambrister Fund	181.50
Whole amount of Conference Fund	$ 1,361.64

The Conference Fund was distributed among the several claimants, as follows:

TO SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

To Timothy Sullins (per H. C. Neal)	$ 62.50
To W. B. Winton (per J. M. McTeer)	136.30
To J. Haskew	15.00
To T. J. Pope (per J. N. Lotspiech)	130.00
To Wm. Robeson (per H. C. Neal)	42.00
To W. W. Neal (per H. C. Neal)	80.00
To L. W. Crouch (per K. C. Atkins)	22.50

TO ORPHANS.

To J. R. Ballew's children (per J. A. Reagan)	$ 5.00
To T. K. Munsey's children (per G. D. French)	62.50
To Miss Bettie Wagg (per B. F. Nucholls)	5.00

TO WIDOWS.

To Mrs. W. W. Smith (per J. B. Carnes)	$ 62.50
To Mrs. C. Mitchell (per J. Mahoney)	62.50
To Mrs. W. Boring (per G. W. Callahan)	62.50
To Mrs. E. K. Hutsell (per J. A. Reagan)	5.00
To Mrs. E. A. Patton (per H. C. Neal)	50.00
To Mrs. Goodykountz (per J. B. Carnes)	45.00
To Mrs. Mary Fleming (per J. B. Carnes)	22.50
To Mrs. R. M. Stevens (per J. C. Runyan)	85.00
To Mrs. W. Keener (per W. W. Stringfield)	100.00
To Mrs. O. F. Cunnyngham (per W. P. Doane)	62.50

To Mrs. W. K. Foster (per Charles W. Carr).....	85.00
To Mrs. E. F. Lyons (per J. B. Carnes).....	40.00
To Mrs. S. Alexander (per D. C. Miller).....	25.00
To Mrs. G. W. Martin (per H. C. Neal).....	25.00
To Mrs. J. L. McGhee (per J. A. Bilderback).....	17.50
To Mrs. D. B. Carter (per C. T. Carroll).....	25.00
To Mrs. J. W. Dickey (per W. P. Doane).....	15.00
To Mrs. J. Reynolds (per J. A. Reagan).....	5.00
To Mrs. J. M. Crismond (per H. C. Neal).....	5.00
Total.....	$ 1,360.80

Assessments for 1876–77.

District.	Coference collection.	Bishops' Fund.	District.	Conference collection.	Bishops' Fund.
Wytheville.....	$215.00	$85.00	Athens.....	130.00	65.00
Jeffersonville...	140.00	65.00	Chattanooga.....	165.00	75.00
Abingdon.....	190.00	80.00	Sequatchie.....	65.00	40.00
Jonesboro'.....	140.00	65.00	Asheville.....	165.00	75.00
Morristown.....	200.00	80.00	Franklin.....	70.00	40.00
Knoxville.....	210.00	80.00			
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	$1,670.00	$750.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. C. NEAL, Chairman.

J. A. REAGAN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF SECRETARY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following appropriations were made by the Board for the year 1876–77, viz:

Wytheville District—			
" " Floyd mission,	to P. C.	$ 50.00—	$ 50.00
Jeffer'nville District—	to P. E.	$ 75.00	
" " Buchanan mission,	to P. C.	$100.00	
" " McDowell mission,	to P. C.	50.00	
" " Bluestone and Flat Top mission,	to P. C.	100.00	
		———	$ 325.00
Abingdon District—			
" " McClure mission,	to P. C.	$100.00–	$100.00
Jonesboro' District—	to P. E.	50.00	
" " Taylorsville mission,	to P. C.	100.00	
" " Horse Creek mission,	to P. C.	100.00	
		———	$ 250.00
Morristown District—			
" " Sneedville mission,	to P. C.	$100.00–	$100.00

Knoxville District—			
" " Knx'ville City miss'n,	to P. C.	$350.00	$350.00
Athens District—	to P. E.	$ 15.00	
" " Tellico mission,	to P. C.	100.00	
			$ 115.00
Chattanooga District—	to P. E.	$ 25.00	
" " Lookout mission,	to P. C.	100.00	
" " Sale Creek mission,	to P. C.	75.00	
			$200.00
Sequatchie District—	to P. E.	$175.00	
" " Obed River mission,	to P. C.	75.00	
" " Bonair mission,	to P. C.	50.00	
" " Spencer mission,	to P. C.	75.00	
" " Mountain mission,	to P. C.	75.00	
" " Cove mission,	to P. C.	100.00	
" " Clinch River mission,	to P. C.	75.00	
			$ 625.00
Asheville District—			
" " Pine Creek mission,	to P. C.	$ 75.00	
" " Laurel mission,	to P. C.	100.00	
			$ 175.00
Franklin District.	to P. E.	$100.00	
" " Robinsville mission,	to P. C.	75.00	
" " Mine City mission,	to P. C.	75.00	
			$ 250.00
Whole amount of appropriations.....			$2,540.00

The following assessments were made for the year 1876–77:

District.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	District.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Wytheville.....	$500.00	$360.00	Athens.....	300.00	250.00
Jeffersonville....	330.00	230.00	Chattanooga.....	350.00	275.00
Abingdon.....	450.00	340.00	Sequatchie.....	165.00	125.00
Jonesboro'..	350.00	250.00	Asheville.....	330.00	275.00
Morristown.....	400.00	295.00	Franklin.....	250.00	175.00
Knoxville.....	440.00	325.00			
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	$3,865.00	$2,900.00

L. L. H. CARLOCK,
Secretary Board of Missions.

NOTE.—In the report of Appropriations, the totals for Districts and the whole amount of the appropriations are inserted by the Editor.

REPORT OF TREASURER BOARD OF MISSIONS.

J. S. Burnett, Treasurer, in account with Holston Conference Board of Missions for the year 1875–76.

DR.

RECAPITULATION.	Domestic.	Foreign.
To amount from Dr. Cunnyngham, balance in treasury	$27.23	
To amount from Wytheville District	392.99	$198.47
To amount from Jeffersonville District	96.00	80.85
To amount from Abingdon District	375.27	255.80
To amount from Jonesboro' District	151.25	108.61
To amount from Morristown District	254.35	171.50
To amount from Knoxville District	366.95	217.94
To amount from Athens District	171.10	97.40
To amount from Chattanooga District	161.05	103.16
To amount from Sequatchie District	126.70	69.28
To amount from Asheville District	195.05	59.22
To amount from Franklin District	61.55	36.70
Anniversary collection at Bristol, Oct. 21, equally divided	119.62	119.62
Grand total	2,499.11	1,518.55
Aggregate collections for Domestic and Foreign Missions during the year 1875–76		$4,017.56

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By amount paid out on Domestic Missions, Drafts of 1874–75, as follows, viz:

By A. J. Frazier, amount balance due Asheville District	$100.00	
By G. Taylor, amount balance due Jonesboro' District	84.00	
By J. W. Bowman, amount balance due Franklin District	70.00	
By J. Boring, amount balance due Morristown District	35.00	
By G. W. Miles, amount balance due Wytheville District	28.00	
By G. W. Miles, amount balance due Abingdon District	37.50	
By S. R. Wheeler, amount balance due Sequatchie District	195.00	
By C. Long, amount balance due Knoxville District	25.00	
By J. M. McTeer, amount balance due Chattanooga District	56.00	
By J. M. McTeer, amount balance due Athens District	49.00	
By George Stuart, amount balance due Jeffersonville District	84.00	
By C. Long, for J. R. Long for work on Echota mission	100.00	
		$863.50
By B. F. Nuchols, on draft for 1875–76	43.00	
By T. F. Smith, P. E. Jeffersonville District, 1875–76	43.00	
By J. T. Stover, Flat Top mission, 1875–76	58.00	
By P. P. Kinser, McDowell mission, 1875–76	58.00	
By E. S. Shelly, Mountain Creek mission, 1875–76	34.00	
By I. N. Boyd, McClure mission, 1875–76	72.00	
By F. N. Atkin, Taylorsville mission, 1875–76	72.00	
By F. D. Crumley, Horse Creek mission, 1875–76	72.00	
By J. D. Baldwin, Sneedville mission, 1875–76	72.00	
By W. H. Bates, Knoxville City mission, 1875–76	203.00	
By G. Taylor, P. E. Athens District, 1875–76	20.00	
By S. T. M. McPherson, Tellico mission, 1875–76	52.00	
By George Stuart, P. E. Jonesboro' District, 1875–76	29.00	
By J. M. McTeer, Chattanooga District, 1875–76	43.00	
By A. T. Brooks, Ocoe mission, 1875–76	72.00	
By J. W. Smith, Chattanooga City mission, 1875–76	89.00	
By W. S. Jordan, Lookout mission, 1875–76	43.00	
By S. R. Wheeler, Sequatchie District, 1875–76	101.00	

By J. V. Brown, Wartburg mission, 1875–76	$43.00	
By R. J. Only, Cove mission, 1875–76	72.00	
By R. M. Standifer, Mountain mission, 1875–76	43.00	
By C. M. James, Spencer mission, 1875–76	43.00	
By J. O. Shelly, Bonair mission, 1875–76	29.00	
By A. J. Frazier, P. E. Asheville District, 1875–76	14.00	
By J. P. Reynolds, Pine Creek mission, 1875–76	43.00	
By J. W. Bowman, P. E. Franklin District, transferred his draft for $100 to W. J. Phillips		
By C. B. Fugate, Casher's Valley mission, 1875–76	43.00	
By B. G. Wild, Robinsville mission, 1875–76	43.00	
By W. J. Phillips, Mine City mission, 1875–76	87.00	
By stationery, postage, &c., &c	5.00	
By amount lost by counterfeit money	50	
		$1,641.50
Total		2,505.00
By balance due Treasurer on foregoing account of Domestic Missions	$5.89	
By amount sent A. H. Redford for Foreign Missions	1,512.66	
Total	1,518.55	

J. S. RURNETT, Treasurer.

The following sums are still due and unpaid on drafts for 1875–76, viz:

To B. F. Nuchols, Carroll mission	$32.00	
To T. F. Smith, P. E. Jeffersonville District	32.00	
To J. T. Stover, Flat Top mission	42.00	
To P. P. Kinser, McDowell mission	42.00	
To E. S. Shelley, Mountain Creek mission	26.00	
To I. N. Boyd, McClure mission	53.00	
To F. N. Atkin, Taylorsville mission	53.00	
To F. D. Crumley, Horse Creek mission	53.00	
To J. D. Baldwin, Sneedville mission	53.00	
To W. H. Bates, Knoxville City mission	147.00	
To G. Taylor, P. E. Athens District	15.00	
To S. T. M. McPherson, Tellico mission	38.00	
To George Stuart, P. E. Jonesboro' District	21,00	
To J. M. McTeer, P. E. Chattanooga District	32.00	
To A. T. Brooks, Ocoe mission	53.00	
To J. W. Smith, Chattanooga City mission	66.00	
To W. S. Jordan, Lookout mission	32.00	
To S. R. Wheeler, P. E. Sequatchie District	74.00	
To J. V. Brown, Wartburg mission	32.00	
To R. J. Only, Cove mission	53.00	
To R. M. Standifer, Mountain Creek mission	32.00	
To C. M. James, Spencer mission	32.00	
To J. O. Shelly, Bonair mission	21.00	
To A. J. Frazier, P. E. Asheville District	11.00	
To J. P. Reynolds, Pine Creek mission	32.00	
To C. B. Fugate, Casher's Valley mission	32.00	
To B. G. Wild, Robinsville mission	32.00	
To W. J. Phillips, Mine City mission	63.00	
		$1,204.00

Statistics of Churches and Sunday-Schools, 1876.

Pastoral charges.	Local Preachers.	Members.		Baptisms.		Sunday-Schools.		
		White.	Colored.	Adults.	Infants.	No.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT—								
Wytheville sta. and ct	6	950		73	64	8	82	600
Marion circuit	6	1046		50	30	9	55	600
Leadmines circuit	4	443		28	30	9	77	375
Newbern circuit	2	357		21	6	6	60	275
New Hope & Jacksonville ct	6	431		25	6	6	25	300
Hillsville circuit	11	625		130	7	11	77	449
Carroll mission	1	73		34				
Elk Creek circuit	3	1116		150	75	11	75	900
Independence circuit	8	672	1	86	27	12	71	577
Jefferson circuit	5	415		13	21	8	20	320
Watauga circuit	6	584	12	31	15	7	26	260
Total	58	6712	13	641	281	87	568	4656
JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT—								
Jeffersonville station		315		10	10	4	38	225
Liberty Hill circuit	6	564	2	44	46	14	125	570
East Tazewell circuit	15	840	5	15	32	16	114	840
Pearisburg circuit	4	793		35	40	13	57	432
Seddon circuit	8	729		7	8	10	67	351
Princeton circuit	10	570		12	8			
Buchanan circuit	1	367	1	11	6	8	37	193
McDowell mission	1	315		75	18	3	25	170
Bluestone and Flat Top mis		260		29	3	7	36	217
Total	45	4753	8	238	171	75	499	2998
ABINGDON DISTRICT—								
Abingdon station		146		5	6	2	16	160
Abingdon circuit	5	528		43	8	8	48	373
Emory and Saltville circuit	1	650		114	27	9	50	400
Rich Valley circuit	3	594		21	14	7	35	394
Bristol station	3	274	7	14	15	1	13	150
Bristol circuit	3	469	4	11	26	6	30	452
Lebanon circuit	6	664		28	3	6	45	500
Dickinsonville circuit	4	605	2	53	21	8	58	260
Estillville circuit	2	597	3	4	9	5	30	220
Gladeville circuit	7	495	1	5	10	7	54	283
McClure mission	1	110						
Total	35	5132	17	298	139	59	379	3192
JONESBORO' DISTRICT—								
Jonesboro station		126		4	9	1	15	108
Jonesboro circuit		240		20	6	2	12	70
Blountville circuit	5	780	1	34	25	8	58	320
Rheatown circuit	5	229		3	13	3	24	137
Johnson City station		65	1	2	5	1	10	87
Greeneville circuit	2	276		4	18			
St. Clair circuit	2	366				2	20	125
Newport circuit	1	328		25	25	2	15	100
Fall Branch circuit	1	290		30	8	2	12	50
Elizabethton & Taylorsville ct		80			1			
Total	16	2780	2	122	110	23	166	997

Pastoral charges.	Local Preachers.	Members.		Baptisms.		Sunday-Schools.		
		White.	Colored.	Adults.	Infants.	No.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT—								
Morristown station	2	278		26	10	1	21	175
Morristown circuit	4	344	1	12	9	2	14	125
Mossy Creek station	1	136		19	9	1	10	127
Rogersville circuit	2	265		15	5	6	50	200
Kingsport circuit	7	384		27	16	7	45	175
Rye Cove circuit	3	560	3	20	3	10	80	275
Jonesville circuit	4	663		16	14	7	45	475
Powell's Valley circuit	7	600	21	42	17	9	55	327
Tazewell circuit	2	272	1	4	1			
Sneedville mission	2	200		3	4	3	18	90
Rutledge circuit	3	316		10	8	4	20	200
Total	37	4018	26	194	96	50	358	2179
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT—								
Knoxville, Church-st. station	4	293		8	5	1	25	175
Knoxville, City mission		75		5	3	2	16	130
Knoxville, Broad-st. station	1	251		11	8	1	22	255
Knox and Lenoir circuit	2	403		25	6	1	7	80
Maryville and Louisville ct.	1	278		26	23	3	22	150
Clinton circuit	4	460	1	36	24	4	25	150
Maynardville circuit	2	441	1	32	5	3	10	120
Jacksboro circuit	2	376		6	2	4	38	360
Dandridge station	1	105		23	5	1	9	80
Strawberry Plains circuit	1	450	1	19	25	5	25	240
Sevierville circuit	2	200		5	2			
Total	20	3332	3	196	108	25	199	1740
ATHENS DISTRICT—								
Athens station		132		1		1	6	70
Athens circuit	4	429		21	3	3	18	120
Riceville circuit	4	295		18	7	4	25	185
Decatur circuit	3	476		14	24	4	34	249
Sweetwater circuit	1	287		29	6			
Philadelphia & London ct.	1	340		22	27	3	22	260
Unitia & Morganton circuit	2	195	1	2	18	1	5	80
Madisonville circuit	4	347		26	5	4	38	303
Eleazer and Tellico mission	4	296	2	17	7	3	12	100
Total	23	2797	3	150	97	23	160	1367
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT—								
Chattanooga station	1	250		12	3	2	26	230
South Chattanooga station	2	215		25	20	1	15	225
Lookout mission	1	170		10	6	6	28	140
Cleveland station		168		1	8	1	12	125
Cleveland circuit		170	2	1		2	16	115
Charleston station		290		5	1	3	25	130
Benton ct. and Ocoe mission		190		5	6	4	15	100
Ooltewah circuit	3	294		70	34	3	23	160
Hamilton circuit	1	180		9	2	3	15	80
Trenton circuit	7	788		80	32	4	28	140
Total	15	2715	2	218	112	29	203	1445
SEQUATCHIE DISTRICT—								
Jasper station		104		1	1	1	15	108
Jasper circuit	4	350		9	7	1	8	40
Pikeville circuit		190	1	12	15	1	7	30
Washington circuit	5	268		9	15	2	10	56
Kingston circuit	1	458	2	30	11	4	20	200
Jamestown ct. & Warth'rg ms.		148		34	5			
Crossville ct. & Bonair miss'n.	5	197		14	10	4	31	120
Spencer mission		95		8				
Shiloh ct. & Altamont miss'n.	3	200		12	7	2	7	49
Tracy City station		72		1				
Summerfield circuit	1	198	1		8	3	16	82
Total	19	2280	4	130	79	18	114	685

Pastoral charges.	Local Preachers.	Members.			Baptisms.		Sunday-Schools.		
		White.	Colored.	Indians.	Adults.	Infants.	No.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT—									
Asheville station	1	165		6	10	1	16		130
Weaverville circuit	7	720		22	11	4	23		265
Sulphur Springs circuit	3	618		15	12	8	40		300
Brevard circuit	1	395		15	12	1	12		100
Hendersonville circuit		330		6	1	6	30		161
Catawba circuit	1	434	1	8	31	3	22		100
Burnsville circuit	4	296		2	9	2	10		90
Bakersville circuit	2	294		4	4	3	19		150
Marshall ct. & Pine Crk. mis.	1	312	1	4	4	8	25		295
Total	20	3564	2	82	94	36	197		1591
FRANKLIN DISTRICT—									
Franklin circuit	6	649			1	25	8	32	350
Waynesville circuit	2	828			42	44	11	53	496
Webster circuit	1	366							
Hayesville circuit	4	317			3	10	4	15	130
Ducktown sta. & Mine cty mi	1	175			12	1	2	16	140
Murphy circuit	2	320			20	11	5	25	200
Cashier's Valley mission		94			4		4	10	75
Robinsville mission	1	148							
Echota (Indian) mission	3	6		204	18	14	2	8	200
Total	20	2903		204	100	105	36	159	1591

RECAPITULATION.

Pastoral charges.	Local Preachers.	Members.			Baptisms.		Sunday-Schools.		
		White.	Colored.	Indians.	Adults.	Infants.	No.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
Wytheville District	58	6712	13		641	281	87	568	4656
Jeffersonville District	45	4753	8		238	171	75	499	2998
Abingdon District	35	5132	17		298	139	59	379	3192
Jonesboro' District	16	2780	2		122	110	23	166	997
Morristown District	37	4018	26		194	96	50	358	2179
Knoxville District	20	3332	3		196	108	25	199	1740
Athens District	23	2797	3		150	97	23	160	1367
Chattanooga District	15	2715	2		218	112	29	203	1445
Sequatchie District	19	2280	4		130	79	18	114	685
Asheville District	20	3564	2		82	94	36	197	1591
Franklin District	20	2903		204	100	105	36	159	1591
Grand Total	308	40,986	80	204	2369	1382	461	3002	22,441

Financial Exhibit of Salaries and Benevolent Collections.

Names of Pastoral charges.	Salaries of Ministers.		Amount of Conference collection.	Collections for Missions.		
	Allowed.	Paid.		Home.	Foreign.	Amount.
Wytheville district	$1000 00	$731 76				
Wytheville sta. & cir.	800 00	661 25	$50 00	77 50	46 50	124 00
Marion	900 00	723 11	30 50	62 00	32 00	94 00
Leadmines	600 00	550 00	25 00	100 00	30 00	130 00
Newbern	675 00	488 10	30 00	50 00	26 30	76 30
N. Hope & Jacksonv'l	325 00	304 25	15 00	20 00	15 00	35 00
Hillsville	375 00	250 63	2 00	11 75	8 25	20 00
Carroll mission	No	report.				
Elk Creek	400 00	300 00	5 00	5 00	2 05	7 05
Independence	450 00	367 42	23 60	40 00	20 00	60 00
Jefferson	320 00	194 12	7 35	16 74	8 37	25 11
Watauga	385 00	175 00		10 00	10 00	20 00
Total	6,230 00	4,745 64	188 45	392 99	198 47	591 46
Jeffersonville district	525 00	300 00				
Jeffersonville station	500 00	463 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	20 00
Liberty Hill	425 00	234 08	8 00	15 00	10 00	25 00
East Tazewell	400 00	193 17	5 75	12 00	10 00	22 00
Paarisburg	700 00	416 94	30 00	35 00	50 00	85 00
Seddon	500 00	194 71	2 00	7 00		7 00
Princeton	200 00			5 00		5 00
Buchanan	97 00	97 00				
McDowell mission		40 00				
Bluest'ne & Flt Top m	200 00	67 35	5 00	7 00	5 85	12 85
Total	3,547 00	2,006 25	60 75	96 00	80 85	176 85
Abingdon district	800 00	507 71				
Abingdon station	500 00	500 00	20 00	115 77	89 00	204 77
Abingdon circuit	500 00	320 20	17 30	25 00	18 00	43 00
Emory and Saltville	700 00	481 54	26 65	62 25	65 00	127 25
Rich Valley	400 00	278 88	13 00	49 00	30 00	70 00
Bristol station	600 00	600 00	17 00	34 50	5 00	39 50
Bristol circuit	300 00	168 90	12 75	7 00	5 00	12 00
Lebanon	600 00	450 00	20 00	40 00	10 00	50 00
Dickinsonville	400 00	375 24	10 00	40 25	20 00	60 25
Estillville	530 00	254 43	6 15	8 50	7 55	16 05
Gladeville	250 00	136 00		2 00	1 25	3 25
From an unknown contributor*					5 00	
Total	5,580 00	4,072 90	142 85	$375 27	$255 80	$631 07
Jonesboro' district	700 00	456 00				
Jonesboro' station	485 00	488 00	17 85	44 15	40 36	84 51
Jonesboro' circuit	387 00	262 65	5 85	5 55	10 00	15 55
Blountville circuit	650 00	444 86	10 25	11 60	10 25	21 85
Rheatown circuit	500 00	383 87	21 65	50 00	30 00	80 00
Johnson City station	250 00	165 00	2 00	10 00	4 00	14 00
Greeneville circuit	500 00	323 00	1 35	9 00	11 00	20 00
St. Clair circuit	500 00	162 00		2 00	2 00	4 00
Newport circuit	400 00	240 00	7 95	15 00	1 00	16 00
Fall Branch circuit	300 00	220 00		3 95		3 95
Elizabethton circuit	No	report.				
Total	4,672 00	3,150 38	66 90	151 25	108 61	259 86
Morristown district	835 00	600 00				
Morristown station	700 00	448 53	11 05	43 50	30 00	73 50
Morristown circuit	400 00	243 30	14 10	20 00	10 00	30 00
Mossy Creek station	300 00	300 00	21 50	46 85	30 00	76 85

Names of Pastoral charges.	Salaries of Ministers.		Amount of Conference collection.	Collections for Missions.		
	Allowed.	Paid.		Home.	Foreign.	Amount.
Rogersville circuit	$275 00	$200 00	$15 00	$15 00	$15 00	$30 00
Kingsport	600 00	366 00	7 00	15 00	8 00	23 00
Rye Cove	365 00	273 00	9 00	20 00	10 00	30 00
Jonesville	625 00	466 24	15 00	25 00	25 00	50 00
Powell's Valley	500 00	353 97	14 70	24 00	15 00	39 00
Tazewell	200 00	146 00	1 00	10 00	8 50	18 50
Sneedville mission	250 00	44 00	50			
Rutledge	425 00	285 00	15 00	35 00	20 00	55 00
Total	5,475 00	3,726 04	123 85	254 35	171 50	425 85
Knoxville district	1000 00	696 32				
Knx'ville Chr-st sta.	1200 00	1200 00	40 00	88 00	55 00	143 00
Knoxville City miss'n	800 00	550 00				
Knx'ville Brd-st sta.	1000 00	1000 00	30 00	72 50	55 00	127 50
Knox & Lenoir circuit	555 00	301 17	13 90	28 30	20 15	48 45
Maryville & Louisville	400 00	300 00	13 35	22 75	17 44	40 19
Clinton	460 00	303 00	5 00	20 00	5 00	25 00
Maynardville	250 00	135 00	2 00	20 00		20 00
Jacksboro	600 00	310 00	22 00	50 00	25 15	75 15
Dandridge	400 00	209 50	3 25	6 10	4 00	10 10
Strawberry Plains	500 00	405 71	25 00	45 00	30 00	75 00
Sevierville	400 00	288 00	3 00	9 30	6 20	15 50
From Mrs. Nancy Stevens, Louisville, T.				5 00		
Total	6,565 00	5,898 70	157 50	366 95	217 94	584 80
Athens district	800 00	588 56				
Athens station	300 00	233 15	10 00	14 00	3 65	17 65
Athens circuit	400 00	196 17	3 55	17 25		17 25
Riceville circuit	250 00	135 80	2 00	4 00	6 00	10 00
Decatur	500 00	475 00	30 00	30 60	20 40	51 00
Sweetwater	600 00	404 43	15 40	13 20	15 05	28 25
Philadel'ia & Loudon	600 00	545 50	12 50	30 60	20 00	50 60
Unitia & Morganton	275 00	180 35	60	36 45	11 00	47 45
Madisonville	500 00	420 75	5 70	15 00	17 00	32 00
Eleazer and Tellico	200 00	95 97	2 50	10 00	4 30	14 30
Total	4,425 00	3,235 58	82 25	171 10	97 40	278 50
Chattanooga district	800 00	638 00				
Chattanooga station	1000 00	596 73	28 50	33 30	24 96	58 26
So. Chattanooga sta.	400 00	410 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	15 00
Lookout mission	23 00	23 00	8 00			
Cleveland station	600 00	475 00	22 00	36 50	31 00	67 50
Cleveland circuit	350 00	141 70	3 05	4 75		4 75
Charleston station	400 00	221 50	4 00	4 00	2 00	6 00
Benton and Ocoe	200 00	78 48	3 50	7 00	3 00	10 00
Ooltewah	200 00	200 00	8 00	22 00	12 00	34 00
Hamilton circuit	200 00	189 58	12 00	26 50	20 20	46 70
Trenton	650 00			17 00	5 00	22 00
Total	4,723 00	2,973 99	99 05	161 05	103 16	264 21
Sequatchie district	600 00	368 23				
Jasper station	400 00	463 50	6 50	10 00	15 25	25 25
Jasper circuit	350 00	229 81	4 00	12 00	5 00	17 00
Pikeville circuit	350 00	212 27	12 00	25 00	8 00	33 00
Washington circuit	400 00	213 77	10 00	26 00		26 00
Kingston circuit	550 00	409 75	20 00	40 00	35 03	75 03
Jamestown circuit	150 00	58 90	1 35	2 00		2 00
Crossville circuit	150 00	60 36	6 00	6 70		6 70
Spencer mission	175 00	97 00	2 00			
Shiloh circuit	150 00	36 05				
Tracy City station	400 00	400 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Summerfield circuit	200 00	100 00	1 00		1 00	1 00
Total	3,875 00	2,649 64	67 85	126 70	69 28	195 98

Names of Pastoral charges.	Salaries of Ministers.		Amount of Conference collection.	Collections for Missions.		
	Allowed.	Paid.		Home.	Foreign.	Amount.
Asheville district	$800 00	$600 00				
Asheville station	800 00	750 00	$30 00	$28 00	$8 00	$36 00
Weaverville circuit	500 00	267 70	11 00	35 00	19 00	54 00
Sulphur Sprs. circuit	450 00	316 00	13 00	40 00		40 00
Brevard	400 00	346 00	14 95	28 10	3 91	32 00
Hendersonville	225 00	152 55	10 00	24 10		24 10
Catawba	500 00	267 80	2 00	4 05	5 00	9 05
Burnesville	225 00	108 00	5 82	11 50	7 36	18 86
Bakersville	400 00	253 69	4 10	9 30	5 95	15 25
Marshall & Pine Crk	150 00	95 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	25 00
Total	4,450 00	3,156 74	100 87	195 05	59 22	254 27
Franklin district	600 00	398 57				
Franklin circuit	540 00	353 47	15 00	25 00	19 00	44 00
Waynesville circuit	625 00	358 46	10 00	20 55	6 70	27 25
Webster circuit	300 00	142 50				
Hayesville circuit	300 00	132 48	2 15	9 00	9 25	18 25
Ducktown station	300 00	300 00		5 00		5 00
Murphy circuit	300 00	185 00		2 00		2 00
Cashier's Valley mis'n	No	report.				
Robinsville mission	150 00	135 00				
Echota (Indian) mis'n	400 00	400 00			1 75	1 75
Total	3,515 00	2,405 48	27 15	61 55	36 70	98 25
RECAPITULATION.						
Wytheville district	6230 00	4745 64	188 45	392 99	198 47	591 46
Jeffersonville district	3547 00	2006 25	60 75	96 00	80 85	176 85
Abingdon district	5880 00	4072 90	142 85	375 27	255 80	631 07
Jonesboro' district	4672 00	3150 38	66 90	155 25	108 61	259 86
Morristown district	5475 00	3726 04	123 85	254 35	171 50	425 85
Knoxville district	6565 00	5698 70	157 50	366 95	217 94	584 89
Athens district	4425 00	3235 00	82 25	171 10	97 40	278 50
Chattanooga district	4723 00	2973 99	99 05	161 05	103 16	264 21
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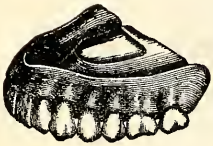

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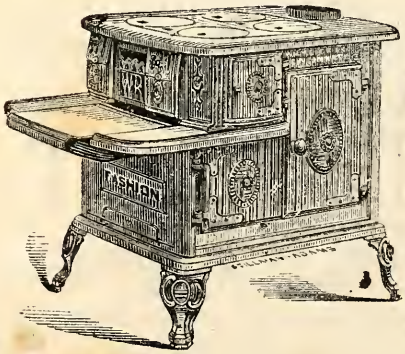

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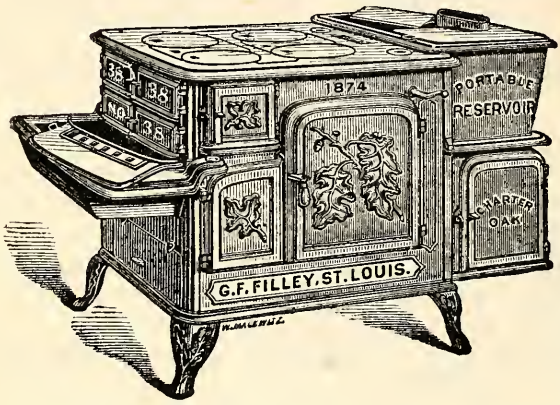

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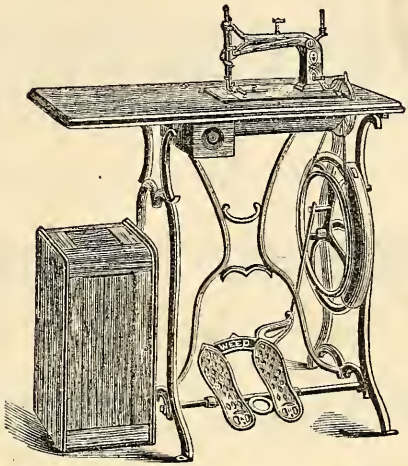

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